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TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The ancient custom of writing prayers to the Almighty and inserting the "kvittlach" in cracks between the stones of the Western Wall in Jerusalem has moved into the 20th century.

The telephone company announced it has opened a special Fax-to-the-Heavens department. Now anyone, in Israel or abroad, can send a facsimile message to God by dialing a designated phone number in Jerusalem: 02-612-222.

The messages will be collected by a special Bezek worker and, when a sufficient number of messages have been received, they will be taken to the ancient Western Wall, the last remnant of the Temple.

But customers should beware: Bezek gives no guarantee the message will be answered by the addressee.

Protesters clash at hearing

TORONTO —

Police and anti-racism activists clashed in a wild melee at an Ontario courthouse Monday morning as hearings began into a complaint against a telephone line operated by the far-right Heritage Front.

Front leader Wolfgang Droege and 30 of his followers were escorted by a phalanx of mounted police and officers on foot from Nathan Phillips Square to the courthouse on University Avenue behind City Hall.

They were met by roughly 450 anti-racism protesters belonging to Anti-Racism Action, whose members had earlier marched from Queen's Park carrying signs with slogans such as Heritage Front equals Nazi Front, Smash the Heritage Front Nazis and Stop the Bigots.

Sunday Harrison, a member of Anti-Racism Action, said her group was there to "confront the Nazis."

She added that the purpose of the demonstration was "to oppose any fascist presence ... on our streets.

'We will not initiate violence, but we will not back down," she said.

While police had requested that Droege enter the courthouse through an underground tunnel, he refused, stating that it was his right to enter the building from the street.

"We're not expressing hatred," he said. "We're expressing a political opinion."

Police were expecting an ugly confrontation, and ugly it was.

The scuffle began after riot police on horseback rushed the crowd and began pushing them back in an effort to clear a path for the Heritage Front group. At least one officer was seen flailing away with his baton to help clear the way.

Police were pelted with eggs with one landing square on an officer's face shield. One police officer was injured and taken away by ambulance.

At least two women anti-racist activists were injured. One of them told reporters she was hit on the head with a police nightstick.

After the Heritage Front members were escorted into the courthouse, police officers became the objects of insults by the anti-racists.

Chants of "police and Klan go hand in hand" went out.

The complaint against the Heritage Front's white supremacist telephone line was launched by the Native Canadian Centre, with help from Canadian Jewish Congress, under the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Members of Anti-Racism Action clashed with police at hearing for Heritage Front. [CJN staff photos]

Violence erupts at Vancouver rally

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

A "peaceful" anti-racism rally in downtown Vancouver last Friday evening ended in violence as white supremacist skinheads clashed with anti-racist protesters at a hotel where neo-Nazi Tom Metzger was scheduled to speak.

One woman was taken to hospital with an eye injury, apparently suffered when one of the hotel's front doors was shattered by a thrown rock, said Vancouver Police Constable Gord Elias.

Two of the anti-racists were arrested at the hotel and police claim they were carrying concealed weapons. Several people were also arrested at a nearby planetarium, one of the racists' gathering points.

Police seized a baseball bat and three knives, including a switchblade, as well as canisters of tear gas. Elias indicated last weekend that several people would face weapons charges.

Metzger, who was deported from Canada last summer, didn't turn up at the meeting because Immigration Canada threatened to arrest him if he returned to the country.

However, television station BCTV broadcast a tape presumably by Metzger stating he was in a safe house. A BCTV reporter told *The CJN* he doubted if Metzger had actually got into the country and presumed the tape had been shipped here by Canadian Liberty Net, the racist telephone service which had announced the Metzger visit weeks before.

Canadian Liberty Net had announced that people wanting to hear Metzger should gather at an assembly point near the Vancouver Art Gallery and they would be directed to the meeting place. Liberty Net operates out of suburban Surrey.

To offset the Metzger speech, the B.C. Organization To fight Racism (BCOFR) scheduled a rally at the Art Gallery the same time. Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region (CJC-P) is a members of BCOFR, along with many other multicultural groups and the Vancouver District Labor Council and affiliated unions.

According to both the *Vancouver Sun* and *Province* newspapers, 3,000 anti-racists turned up for the BCOFR rally and one police officer told *The CJN* that "they greatly outnumbered the racists. There may have been 25 skinheads there," he said.

The anti-racists listened peacefully for nearly two hours to speeches denouncing Metzger and Canadian Libery Net but when word spread at the end of the rally that the racists were meeting a few blocks away, at the Century Plaza Hotel, some rushed to the meeting place. There, according to the *Sun*, they trapped about 25 racists inside the hotel for three-quarters of an hour.

Vancouver Sun reporter Doug Ward was covering the skinheads' meeting and said they paced nervously inside their room which they had booked under the name Free Speech Society. When the anti-racists approached the hotel, the skinheads decided to halt their meeting and evacuate after anxious hotel staff begged them to leave as soon as possible. The skinheads were mostly young, dressed in leather and bomber jackets.

White supremacist Tom McAleer, who runs Canadian Liberty Net, began moving video equipment, tapes and neo-Nazi literature out of the hotel room, according to Ward. McAleer's followers ducked out with him through the hotel parkade. This was when the anti-racists clashed with the racists. Ward's story says "the skinheads escaped like terrified prey."

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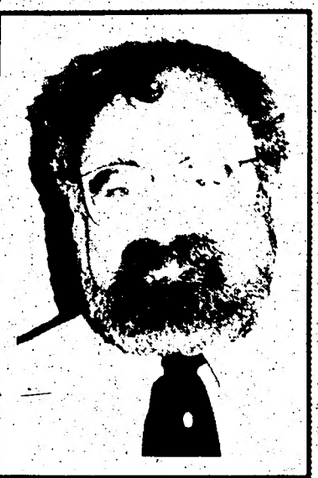

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United Way holds line on Jewish agencies

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

There's good news and bad news this year for Toronto's nine Jewish agencies which receive United Way funds.

The good news is that five of those agencies' United Way allocations for 1993 will go unchanged from last year.

And even the bad news isn't so bad. The remaining four agencies' drop in funding is not as severe as many had feared, except at Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

At a recent news conference, the United Way of Greater Toronto announced it will distribute $37 million to some 250 community groups and health and social service agencies this year.

Just over $30 million will go to United Way member charities; a further $2.6 million to charities in Ajax, Pickering, Oakville and Peel and York regions; $1 million in short-term grants to non-member agencies and $2.7 million to charities designated by donors.

Anne Golden

This year's allocations are based on a record $45.5 million collected in 1992, $1 million more than in 1991, said United Way president Anne Golden.

Considering the continuing economic slump, the amount is "good news," Golden said.

More than 95 percent of allocated funds will go toward maintaining current services and programs.

The United Way allocates more than $3 million to Jewish agencies in Metro, or over eight percent of its total funding.

Jewish agencies are not solely dependent on United Way dollars. They are also funded through United Jewish Appeal and in some cases, by the provincial government.

Prior to the recession, Jewish agencies were used to yearly increases from the United Way of between five and 10 percent. This year's cuts and maintenance of funding will likely mean more belt-tightening, especially in light of another round of increases from Queen's Park totaling just two percent for 1993.

• the third largest recipient of United Way funds, Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS), will receive just over $1.34 million, the same amount as last year.

• the Jewish Community Centre's allocation will be $462,120, a slight drop from the $464,442 it got a year ago.

• Jewish Vocational Services of Metropolitan Toronto will get $397,916 in 1993, the same as a year ago.

• the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care will receive $390,079, compared to $400,079 last year, a 2.5 percent decrease.

• the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living's transfer payment will remain the same as in 1992, just over $143,000.

• Senior Care will see its 1993 allocation drop to $108,981 from $109,529 a year ago.

• the most dramatic drop in United Way funding is at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, which will receive $68,201 this year. A year ago, the federation's social planning committee — its central planning body — received just over $90,000.

• Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa will receive $44,170, the same amount as last year. But the allocation is still a dramatic drop from its 1991 allocation of over $55,000.

• The Jewish Camp Council's 1993 allocation will remain steady at $18,259.

Jack Chisvin, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, told *The CJN* that federation agreed to its reduced allocation — a 23 percent drop over last year — as a "trade-off" in order to limit cuts at other Jewish agencies.

Chisvin said the shortfall will have to come out of the federation's operating budget.

LAND OF THE BILLS

Members of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization from Toronto and London recently travelled to meet their Buffalo counterparts at Rich Stadium, home of the Buffalo Bills. Despite the sub-arctic temperatures and a heart-breaking defeat at the hands of the New York Jets, many BBYO members anticipate a Bills victory at the Super Bowl.

ORT planning school for the Toronto area

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

For the first time in its 112 year history, the Organization for Educational Resources and Technological Training (ORT), is planning a Canadian school.

The school will be built as a joint project between Canadian ORT and the North York Board of Education and will provide technical and vocational education to socially deprived children and skills retraining for adults.

Mark Pearlman, vice-president, Candian ORT, Ontario region; says that traditionally, Canadian ORT has funded projects in Israel and developing countries around the world. "As a community-based organization we now see the great need in Canada to provide our expertise in helping Canadians become productive citizens and find suitable employment."

He says that when ORT met with the North York Board of Education and presented a brief on Canadian ORT and World ORT, as well as their plans to introduce a school in Ontario, "the support was tremendous.

"They were impressed with the three ORT schools in the United States and saw the need for a school in Ontario, particularly in North York, one of the largest boards of education in the province," Pearlman said.

Currently about 250,000 youngsters and adults are trained every year in over 800 schools and centres of ORT in Israel and in 50 other countries around the world. During over 100 years of existence ORT has trained some 2.5 million people, enabling them to earn a living and be useful society members.

Pearlman says that as a result of the meeting the school board has decided to establish a task force to study the type of school that is needed.

He said that in a massive two-year fundraising campaign to raise money for the school, Canadian ORT has distributed 10,000 cannisters to retailers throughout Ontario. The cannisters will explain who is collecting money and will have a slot for shoppers to drop in coins.

"If each of these cannisters collect just 50 cents a day, we will collect $5,000 every day," he said.

Pearlman said ORT plans on eventually expanding the program to 25,000 cannisters across the province. They also plan to eventually expand across Canada with a distribution of 50,000 cannisters. Funds raised from the project will pay for the research and needs assessment, to assure that a proper school program is put in place.

Pearlman said when the cannisters are finally distributed across Canada "our name will be out everywhere. Traditionally our fundraising has gone to Israel and other countries around the world, but we are now reaching out to Canadians to help us build a school that will help our own country. What we are doing is bringing the organization into the '90s."

Morawetz's tribute to King stands the test of time

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —

Most composers accept acknowledgement for their work after a performance by standing at their seat in the audience when the conductor points their way. Not so for Oskar Morawetz. When the Toronto Symphony (TSO) and cellist Yo-Yo Ma had finished the composer's *Tribute To Martin Luther King*, conductor Hugh Wolff raised his hand toward the musician's entrance; the door opened and Morawetz entered, taking his bow from the stage.

No one would begrudge Morawetz this show of vanity. At 74, the composer is one of Canada's senior men of music who has built up a distinguished career against impossible odds. The truth of the matter is that being a contemporary composer today is one of the more thankless jobs around. Not only is it difficult to get one's music played, but being played, there is no assurance that conservative music audiences will like it enough to ensure a shelf-life beyond one performance.

With his *Tribute To Martin Luther King*, Morawetz has defied the odds. Written in 1968 at the time of King's senseless assassination, the work has become a repertoire staple. In 1979, to commemorate King's 50th birthday, *Tribute* was broadcast in 24 countries. And now during the 25th anniversary year of the civic leader's death, it has been programmed by important orchestras such as the TSO and the New York Philharmonic. In fact, before coming to Toronto, Ma played the work in New York under Kurt Masur. *Tribute*, at last count, has had over 40 performances worldwide and is in the repertoire of seventeen international cellists.

In a stroke of genius, Morawetz wrote *Tribute* with only one string instrument accompanied by winds and percussion. The lone cello, in the hands of superstar Ma, becomes the symbol of King on his lonely journey from freedom fighter to martyr played out against the sympathetic orchestra color provided by the other insrtruments. The work, which Morawetz composed in eight sections, includes events like the freedom march in Memphis on King's last day of life to his eternal funeral procession with its musical reference to the reverend's favorite spiritual *Free At Last*. Despite the program notes, the work is seamless as each section slides into the other, building up its elegiac mood of despair to finally be resolved in hope.

The wind musicians must love this work. Ordinarily, they sit for long periods of time waiting to provide musical accents while the string section carries the load. In this piece, the winds get the work-out, even the tuba which must be the loneliest instrument in the orchestra. It is very interesting how Morawetz provides stretches of silence for the cello, allowing the other instruments to act like a Greek chorus, commencing on the action at hand — shock, grief, reconciliation.

The work begins with a good attention-getting brass cacophony alluding to the fatal gun shot which is followed by a softer menacing and ominous accompaniment as the cello begins its journey. Morawetz has cleverly blended in the other instruments by having them pick up on chords played by the cello and repeating them, giving a dialogue to the music. Sometimes the winds and percussion are gentle companions, other times marital and dictatorial. There is also clever use of the piano, particularly as a mood giver.

Ma is a passsionate player whose face reflects what he is feeling and *Tribute* provides the soloist with an emotional see-saw of moods. Morawetz's piece is filled with moments both rapturous and profound and in Ma's cello, King's elegy was being played by a brilliant master, capable of moments both frantic and soaring in a demanding piece that requires finesse in both the very low and very high cello register.

The work is tonal, though not conventional, lyrical without being simpering, and multi-dimensional in its depiction of the sad events of a life cut off in its prime. Although modern works have to fight to win acceptance, it is understandable why Morawetz's *Tribute* has captured the imagination of cellists and orchestras; with its challenging complexity, the work allows a large scope for imaginative interpretation.

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Grujicic pleads not guilty to war crimes

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Accused war criminal Radislav Grujicic appeared before a Windsor court recently and pleaded not guilty to multiple charges of murder, conspiracy to commit murder and conspiracy to kidnap.

Grujicic, 81, is a former Yugoslav police officer who was stationed in Belgrade during World War II. The Justice Department's war crimes unit alleges he was involved in the classification and murder of communists and their sympathizers.

Ivan Whitehall, chief general counsel for the Justice Department, told the court he expects the jury will hear 14 weeks of evidence in the Grujicic case. Recapping his submissions to the court, Whitehall told *The CJN* he will call 10 eyewitnesses to testify. He said that as the case now stands, "with the possible exception of one [witness], I do not expect to call commission evidence."

Commission evidence is taken abroad and videotaped for playback in Canadian courts. No trial date has yet been set.

Whitehall said comments made by Sol Littman appear to have made the fitness of the accused to stand trial an issue.

Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said that if Grujicic suffers from terminal prostate cancer, he should not be put through the rigors of a trial. Grujicic should face a medical examination to determine the state of his health, he added.

Littman told *The CJN* that the choice of "an old, sick man being put on trial would discredit the whole war crimes process. . . Even if it's inadvertant, the case doesn't do the war crimes prosecution effort any credit."

While he wouldn't speculate on the decision to prosecute Grujicic, Milton Harris, chair of war crimes for Canadian Jewish Congress, said "it is a principle of British justice that if someone is old and has a fatal illness, then justice should be stayed."

Turning to the recent appointment of Pierre Blais to the justice portfolio, Harris said Congress is seeking a meeting with the minister, who has no known record on the issue of war crimes, to brief him of the importance Congress places on the matter.

B'nai Brith spokesman Ian Kagedan agreed that Blais "has no record on this at all." Like Congress, B'nai Brith is seeking a meeting with the minister to discuss the war crimes portfolio.

Kagedan said that in a November meeting with former Justice Minister Kim Campbell, B'nai Brith asked that she take "a more active role in addressing the issue of war crimes. Many Canadians don't understand why it is an issue."

"I hope Blais takes a more active stance."

Blais' press secretary Brigitte Desmeules said the war crimes issue "was a priority for the government and will still be a priority. Canada won't be a haven for war criminals."

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In other developments, the Justice Department's war crimes unit announced it is narrowing its focus to 20 priority cases and is hoping to launch legal action by March 1994.

Peter Kremer, head of the war crimes unit, said the 20 suspects will be screened from a list of about 300, but he added "there are no guarantees there will be any prosecutions."

The unit is merely concentrating its resources on its best cases, he said.

Kremer said that in November 1990, following the failure of three criminal prosecutions, the war crimes unit revamped its approach. The new strategy involves obtaining the consent of authorities from the former Soviet Union for direct access to archives, witnesses and other evidence.

Kremer said Canadian investigators obtain their leads in part from a list compiled by the Deschenes Commission and from names provided by Jewish groups. He said the war crimes unit does not have access to Canadian pension, income tax and social security lists. (Jewish groups have suggested that cross-checking such lists with lists of alleged war criminals would provide further leads.)

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The Civil Liberties Commission of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) has recommended the government of Ukraine "form a commission of inquiry into crimes against humanity and war crimes on the model of royal commissions in Canada.

"A consistent, just and intelligent response by the Ukrainian government and parliament on the crimes against humanity and war crimes that took place on Ukrainian territory before, during and after World War II is required promptly. Lack of appropriate action will damage the international prestige of Ukraine and in turn will damage Ukrainian communities in the West," the submission states.

Lubomyr Luciuk, the commission's research director, said the UCC has always been concerned about bringing war criminals to justice, but before the creation of an independent Ukraine, it wasn't feasible to call on the Soviet legal system to do so.

Luciuk said discussions with nationalist elements in Ukraine, such as members of the Rukh national movement and various political parties, have shown a positive response.

But throwing a monkey wrench into the proposals is the concern that many of the perpetrators of Soviet-era crimes are still in positions of power and civil strife might erupt if they were prosecuted, Luciuk said.

Luciuk said the UCC still opposes denaturalization and deportation of alleged war criminals from Canada, even if it's back to an independent Ukraine.

He said the UCC has always maintained that anyone charged with anything as serious as a war crime should be tried under criminal law in Canada.

Georgetown residents rise up against KKK appearance

By PAUL LUNGEN

GEORGETOWN, Ont. —

Residents of the small community of Georgetown northwest of Toronto gave seven members of the Ku Klux Klan a rude welcome last week, with two residents shouting at them, banging their fists on their car and one eventually pulling the hood off a costumed Klansmen.

The Klan members, dressed in full regalia consisting of hoods and white sheets, shocked members of the quiet communities of Georgetown, Acton and Limehouse by their appearance on city streets. But if the Klan expected to generate support for their white supremacist views, interviews with 15 residents of Georgetown and Acton indicated they had miscalculated.

The legacy the Klan seems to have left behind is a widespread public reaction of anger and disgust. Everyone of 15 residents interviewed by this reporter said they were appalled by their presence, with many ridiculing the Klan for hiding behind the anonymity of their masks.

Two Georgetown residents, following brief interviews, even wished me "mazel tov" in a spontaneous gesture of goodwill.

The incidents involving the Klan took place on the morning of Saturday, Jan. 16 in the shopping areas of the three communities. Seven individuals in two vehicles, one with Quebec plates, the other an Ontario rental, drove into the three small communities and began distributing pamphlets railing against "reverse discrimination [faced by whites] in jobs, promotions, scholarships. . . high taxes for minority welfare. . . in short, a society oriented to the wishes of minorities."

Detective Sgt. Mike Kingston of Halton Regional Police said police had received "some indications the day before that there might be some meeting" of the Klan. When police caught up with them in Georgetown, they asked the hooded Klan members to identify themselves. Six did so (though they continued to wear their masks), with the seventh refusing. Kingston said police could not compel the seventh to provide identification.

He said four of the seven Klan members were from Quebec. Two were women. Two others, one male, one female, were from Mississauga. They ranged in age from 19-24.

Kingston speculated "they were there trying to make a blitz. . . but they were purposeful in not giving the police a reason to arrest them."

Under the Charter of Rights, they have "the right to demonstrate peacefully," he said. "These guys are trying to raise their public profile and distribute information that has been toned down and sanitized so there is no likelihood they'll be charged under the hate laws."

While police were keeping a watch on the Klan members as they distributed leaflets, Georgetown resident Sherilyn Kirkpatrick decided to take a more active approach. Informed at home that the Klan were in town, Kirkpatrick said she initially intended just to talk to them.

Rip mask off

"Once I saw them, I said, 'What the hell am I going to talk to them about'." Feeling "pure anger, I then decided to rip the mask off one Klan member and asked him, 'What are you hiding from?'

"My concern was to show that we disapprove of them."

Kirkpatrick was critical of members of the Georgetown community for not opposing the Klan more forcefully, though she noted that people in the Four Corners commercial district quickly retired to local shops out of the fear generated by the Klan.

"I believe there has to be some reason for [the Klan] to be here," she said. "I believe there has to be a base of members in Georgetown for them."

Scott Kline, editor of *This Week*, a bi-weekly Halton Hills newspaper, wrote in an editorial that "we find ourselves agreeing with her comments that 'there are a lot of good people here, but there is obviously a reason why they came to Georgetown'."

Kirkpatrick, who operates Feedback Canada, an organization that supplies food to missions and soup kitchens, suggested the Klan chose the Halton Hills region because it is close enough to Toronto to receive major media attention while avoiding the possibility of confrontations with minority groups who live in Toronto.

Kingston and Detective Joe Taylor discounted reports that the Klan has up to 200 members and 300 supporters in the Halton Hills region. "As far as we're concerned, it's ridiculous," Taylor said. "From a [police] intelligence point of view, we're not aware of any members in our region."

Kingston said the only record of Klan activity in the area occurred on Aug. 14, 1992 when KKK pamphlets were placed on car windshields outside a restaurant in Oakville.

In interviews in the Four Corners area of Georgetown, where the Klan distributed their literature, town residents showed no sympathy for the white supremacist organization.

Shopowner Isabel Brown said "I think it's pretty pathetic that they come out in white sheets. I think they've angered the community. Everybody I've talked to is angry about it."

Jeannette Giesen, who works in a Main Street shop, said that when she first saw the white-hooded Klan members, she couldn't believe her eyes. "I didn't think they still did things like that. I was disgusted that they were there."

Suzanne Gillis, who also works in a shop in the area, said "I couldn't believe that people were rolling down their car windows and accepting the stuff."

"[The Klan] are uneducated," she continued. "They say they support the Bible, but they don't know anything about it."

One Georgetown resident, a member of a minority group, declined to give his name out of fear of possible retribution. "I felt total disbelief that this could be happening here," he said. "What shocked me is that so many people were accepting their pamphlets. To me, curiosity should have been left on the backburner."

Multicultural awareness book

By MAURICE LUCOW

TORONTO —

Publication of a book to increase awareness of multiculturalism and encourage its active role in British Columbia's pluralistic society, is planned by Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region. It will be edited by Dr. Bernardo Berdichewsky.

The book, titled *Cultural Pluralism in Canada: What it Means to the Jewish Community*, will be funded in part by the federal department of multiculturalism and a grant is expected from the provincial goverment.

According to Erwin Nest, CJC's executive director, the book will be "both a vision and a blueprint to the community at large of one distinct group's efforts to become a dynamic participant in organized multicultural efforts." Nest expects the book will promote multiculturalism in British Columbia, work towards the elimination of racism and promote positive race relations.

Congress hopes the book will teach the B.C. population "to appreciate fully the particularities and struggles of other ethnic, national and religious groups to integrate into Canadian society," and it is expected it can serve as a catalyst "in breaking down barriers between Jews and the general society by showing Canadians at large that we can all live together in harmony and prosperity."

Nest says the book will have practical value as a resource to all members of Canada's multicultural family, including recently arrived immigrant groups, with whom many Canadian Jews have an identity of experiences. The project "may answer questions other ethnic, national or religious groups have about fitting in the Canadian cultural mosaic."

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Hurtig launches new party

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Nationalist gadfly Mel Hurtig has spent the better part of the last decade warning Canadians of the dangers of free trade, the loss of Canadian identity, our shrinking economy and various gloom-and-doom scenarios.

But now, Hurtig plans to do something about the woes facing Canada: he's started his own political party.

And the Edmonton-based Jewish publisher isn't shy about his chances in the much-awaited federal election, slated for later this year.

Hurtig is certain of several things: Brian Mulroney's Tories "will be reduced to a rump," the New Democrats will lose seats from their current standing in the House of Commons, the Reform Party will win between 20 and 35 seats, while the Bloc Quebecois will pick up as many as 60, and the biggie: Hurtig's fledgling National Party of Canada will hold the balance of power in a Liberal-led minority government.

Not bad for a federal party founded last Nov. 21 by 45 people at an Ottawa hotel.

"Our phones are ringing off the hook," Hurtig told *The CJN* just before addressing a surprisingly well-attended rally for 700 faithful in Toronto. "As the animosity toward Mulroney grew and the Liberals moved to the right and the NDP fell from 41 percent [in popularity] to 18 percent, a huge and unprecedented hole in the national political spectrum developed.

"The magnitude of the void is even greater than we expected."

Hurtig cites two recent polls. A recent Angus-Reid survey found that only 43 percent of Canadians said they intend to vote for one of the three major parties, while a year-end CTV-Maclean's poll showed that 30 percent of voters answered "none of the above" in their preference for all parties.

But Hurtig insists a leadership vacuum is not why the National Party was established.

"There's only one reason it was formed. If this country goes the way it has for the last eight years, Canada will die. We think we're going to lose our country."

Another Tory government, whether a majority or minority, a Liberal majority or Preston Manning's Reformers holding the balance of power all amount to the same thing as far as Hurtig is concerned: "The dream of Canada will be over."

Why? "Because four or five more years of integration with the United States, of harmonizing to U.S. standards, of overdependence on the U.S., will produce a situation where Canadians will no longer be masters in our own house."

Mel Hurtig

So to the rescue is the National Party of Canada, aptly named because it has a Canada-first policy on almost everything, all outlined in *A New And Better Canada*, a 91-page manifesto penned by Hurtig himself.

In it, he does less inveighing against the Tories than he did in his hot-selling *The Betrayal of Canada*, a scathing indictment of the free trade deal with the Americans. This time, Hurtig offers solutions on everything from the economy to the environment to Canadian independence.

On the latter, Hurtig has big plans for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between Canada, the United States and Mexico.

"We won't allow it," he says, speaking confidently of the days when his party will have considerable clout. "NAFTA will be the final nail in the coffin for manufacturing in Canada." Already, he points out, among the world's industrialized nations, only Turkey has fewer manufacturing jobs than Canada.

And Hurtig has all the numbers at his fingertips: the free trade agreement with the United States has resulted in the loss of over 400,000 manufacturing jobs in Canada; 746,000 Canadians live in poverty; our unemployment rate, 11.3 percent, is surpassed only by Spain's in the industrialized world; we have more food banks than McDonald's restaurants.

Jean Chretien is not the answer either, Hurtig feels: the Liberal leader is "a conservative and continentalist" who's being funded by big business.

The NDP's star has faded federally while Reform "is extreme right-wing and fundamentalist," Hurtig maintains.

In fact, Hurtig says about 30 percent of those who have expressed interest in the National Party are disaffected Liberals while 15 percent are former New Democrats.

The National Party, its leader vows, will not accept donations from corporations, unions or special interest groups.

Politically, it stands in the centre of the spectrum but would intervene in the economy to put Canada and Canadians first.

It advocates full equality between all Canadians, a fairer tax system, a redrawn trade policy, floating the dollar, a strong central government and would fight hard to keep Quebec within Confederation.

Hurtig is no stranger to fighting for Canada: in 1985, he founded the Council of Canadians, a federal blue-ribbon think-tank, and he helped set up the Committee for an Independent Canada to find alternatives to Tory policies.

"Our basic message is that we're extraordinarily lucky to be living in this country, but we need a major change in policy," he says. "I'm not trying to build a brick wall around Canada. I simply want Canada to take care of its people."

Canadian Jews focus of book

MONTREAL —

Louis Rosenberg's pioneering *Canada's Jews: A Social and Economic Study of Jews in Canada in the 1930s* is scheduled to be republished by McGill-Queen's University Press this May.

It was originally published in 1940 by Canadian Jewish Congress, and has long been out of print.

This new edition is a facsimile which "faithfully reproduces Rosenberg's meticulous compilation of statistics," says the publisher. It includes a new introductory essay by McGill University sociology professor Morton Weinfeld, who focuses on Rosenberg's life, his era and the relevance of the book for today's readers.

Weinfeld has also prepared a detailed bibliography of Rosenberg's social scientific works on Canadian Jewish life. With its demographic, sociological, cultural and economic data, *Canada's Jews* provides "a comprehensive portrait of a community struggling with the insecurities of recent immigration, the early seductions of assimilation, and a second-class status sustained by anti-Semitism."

Rosenberg, who died in 1987, drew his information from the Canadian census of 1931 and previous census records, material from other studies collected by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, and international data sources.

He used the approach of comparing Canadian Jews where possible with other ethnic or religious groups in Canada and to Diaspora Jewish communities elsewhere.

There are chapters on such diverse facts as conversion and apostasy, the socio-economic stratification of Jews in Canada, Jews in agriculture, Jewish participation in the Armed Forces, criminal statistics and morbidity, as well as more mundane facts and figures.

The new 464-page book will contain 273 tables and 21 diagrams and maps. "*Canada's Jews* is a classic, though relatively unknown, work which is important for demography, sociology, Jewish studies, and the social history of Canada," says a quotation on the jacket.

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Vancouver assimilation on rise

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

Assimilation in the Vancouver Jewish community has reached almost "epidemic proportions," according to the immediate past president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, Ted Zacks.

In delivering his presidential report at the Federation's recent annual meeting, Zacks called for coordinated efforts by the Jewish schools, synagogues and other Jewish organizations in dealing with mixed marriages.

"We must teach our children to love Judaism," Zacks said, "and stress their personal connection with Israel." He called also for a "revitalization" of the community leadership, "to make this a better place for all of us. Too few are stepping forward to share the leadership."

The newly-elected president, Peter Oreck, followed through on Zacks' remarks, declaring that the community is "experiencing a struggle for survival because of apathy, assimilation, intermarriage, cultural and religious ignorance and smugness about the future."

Oreck said "we are a challenged community — not just in needs to be met, but in potential to be realized." In the six years the Federation has been in operation, "we have been unable to keep pace with our growth, either in human or financial resources."

Oreck said the pioneers of Vancouver's Jewish community were deeply involved with Zionism. But newcomers from all over Canada and other parts of the world brought with them different interests and concerns which have resulted in a restructuring of the community and the need to "listen to the myriad of voices and the diversity of viewpoints."

He said "we must acknwoledge that the sum is greater than any one part and we'll achieve this through understanding, respect and consensus. We must always remember that all Israel is responsible, one for the other."

Zacks said the 1992 campaign was a difficult one and emphasized the importance of Federation being recognized as the central fundraising agency in the community.

The campaign report, submitted by general chairman Gary Romalis and women's division chair Phyllis Moscovich, showed the total will reach about $3.75 million "which falls short of the $4.1 million needed." The goal was $5 million.

The endowment fund reported its total stands at $1,292,855.

Grants by the endowment fund included scholarships for young people to participate in leadership training in Israel; funding for a visiting Israeli professor at the University of British Columbia; funding assistance to a community professional to attend a Jewish professional development program; to the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre (in Kelowna) to help build a Jewish library; to Federation to help cover a portion of the shortfall in last year's campaign; funding assistance for a Kristallnacht commemorative lecture; a conference on intermarriage; the Sepharad '92 project; a kosher hospital food service project.

BB urges neutrality for UN agency

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Canada should use its influence to promote the neutrality of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights (UNCHR) and end an abusive process that sees Israel singled out for condemnation while neighboring states escape scrutiny, a brief prepared by B'nai Brith Canada states.

The UNCHR is a politicized body that often puts partisan political considerations, including unwarranted condemnation of Israel, ahead of objective concern for human rights, the brief states.

The result of the "grossly unfair and highly unrealistic" approach taken by the UNCHR is to downgrade its effectiveness, said Ian Kagedan, director of government relations for B'nai Brith.

Kagedan, along with senior legal counsel David Matas and Brian Morris, chair of BB's Institute for International Affairs, presented the brief to the Department of External Affairs, which solicited the views of non-governmental organizations in preparation for the 49th session of the UNCHR.

Kagedan said "the same mentality" that supported the 'Zionism is racism' resolution still exists in the UNCHR. Last year, the UN body passed resolutions referring to Israeli "concentration camps" and suggesting the Palestinians resolve the Mideast dispute "by all means" available. Canada voted against these resolutions, Kagedan added.

"The type of language employed by the UNCHR grossly misrepresents the facts and leads nowhere," he said.

"The cause of global human rights will best be served by the development of systems which function in non-political ways," the submission also argued.

A brief repesented by the human rights committee of the Canadian Council of Churches also notes "a number of trends within the UNCHR that have limited [its] capacity to effectively address international human rights concerns. . . . It is regrettable that political agenda has limited the ability of the international community to address serious human rights concerns."

The council's brief goes on to deplore the "human rights situation in the Israeli occupied territories, including South Lebanon." It urges the Canadian government to convey its concern about the human rights situation in the occupied territories.

CJC providing information on Israel

VANCOUVER —

The Israeli affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, wants to work more closely with the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver to disseminate information about Israel.

A letter from Morris Soronow, chair of the committee, to Orit Katzov, Israeli emissary to the Federation, says Congress is "entrusted with educating both the Jewish and general public about Israel and the Middle East . . . We are charged also with mobilizing the community's response in times of crisis for Israel, and to providing spokespersons on subjects pertaining to Israel to the media, government and the public at large."

Soronow says that "in assuming my role as chair of the Israeli affairs committee I was given a mandate of community advocacy for Israel, which has been identified as a priority by the CJC officers and executive."

Soronow asks Katzov to help Congress utilize prominent Israeli speakers (politicians, academics, writers, etc.) who are scheduled to visit British Columbia.

Congress would arrange parlor meetings with leaders of the Jewish community and elected representative, leaders of religious and ethnic communities, heads of non-governmental agencies and the senior management of business and labor. Soronow points out that during a recent visit here by Dror Zeigerman, consul general for Western Canada, Congress arranged meetings for him with leaders of the B.C. Chinese community as well as a meeting with Premier Mike Harcourt.

Soronow says Congress could also arrange meetings for visiting Israelis with the print and electronic media, organize community forums and reach out to the congregants of the synagogues.

"The benefits of this approach on behalf of the State of Israel to the status and welfare of our community is obvious," says Soronow. — M.L.

Koschitzky attends Berlin conference

BERLIN —

Julia Koschitzky of Toronto, chair of the board of trustees of Keren Hayesod (World United Israel Appeal), participated in the recent annual conference of European Keren Hayesod campaign leaders, held in Berlin.

The conference, which included 50 leaders from 14 countries, was chaired by Srul Prajs, Keren Hayesod chair for Europe as well as Germany, and was attended by Ignatz Bubis, head of the Jewish community in Germany, who has voiced the indignation of the German Jewish community over the spate of anti-Semitic and racist activity across Germany.

The conference was also attended by Keren Hayesod world chair Shlomo Hillel, director-general Moshe Gur and Mark Gryfe, campaign director of Toronto's United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus, who conducted a seminar on Campaign Planning Tools.

(Keren Hayesod is the umbrella organization for all United Israel Appeal campaigns around the world, except for the United States. The funds raised go to finance the operation of the Jewish Agency for Israel. UIA of Canada is the largest campaign associated with Keren Hayesod. Koschitzky is the immediate past president of UIA Canada.)

Coming to Berlin, Koschitzky said, had a special, personal meaning for her. Although she was born in England, her parents lived in Berlin before World War II.

"My parents were the lucky ones. They had relatives who could bring them over to England. The rest of the family was not so fortunate. Even though I was born in England, the scars of this tragic and dark chapter in our history are very much part of me and my Jewish psyche.

Turning to present-day events, she said that "meeting in Berlin makes us mindful of what can happen if we downplay the magnitude of these events, if we do not read the writing on the wall."

She praised the leadership of Bubis and "his forthright condemnation of racist attacks on his proud stand in his relations with the German government."

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Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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Being born during the Passover festival commanded recognition in a suitable surname.

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Pasquale — is the Italian version which derives from the pascal lamb.

Oster is a place name in the Ukraine and may therefore be a possible source for a Jewish surname.

ZIPPER — DVORKIN

In tracing the origins of Jewish surnames, we must not overlook the birds and the bees. Derived from the Hebrew, we find:

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Irving Abella

During the past several years, York University professor Irving Abella has become known as an historian of note with a special expertise on Canadian Jews. Co-author of None is Too Many, *an examination of Canada's policy of excluding Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany, and author of* A Coat of Many Colors, *a history of Canadian Jewry, Abella's knowledge of Jewish life in Canada is unparalleled. With his election as president of Canadian Jewish Congress at its plenary assembly in May 1992, Abella began a three-year term in which he divides his time between the halls of academia and the frontline offices of Congress, where he must deal with a broad range of issues that concern the Jewish community. Abella spoke recently at his Toronto home with* The CJN's *Paul Lungen.*

CJN: *What do you see as the major issues facing Congress and the Jewish community in the next 2½ years, the remainder of your mandate?*

Abella: I think it's important that Congress recognizes that it's both Canadian and Jewish and that Congress [continues to] play its role in the ongoing constitutional crisis. In the first six months, we spent much of our time on the national unity issue. I think in the future, we will continue to have to play an important public policy role in the country. We will be involved in the ongoing debate on national unity but also about other public issues such as equity, women's issues, aboriginal rights and immigration.

But I think what's happening now in the world is so important that Congress will be stressing the second half of our identity, the Jewish part. I think with the rise of anti-Semitism, particularly in Europe and elsewhere, that Congress will have to play an important role in combatting it. I think we've come to realize that intolerance is the greatest growth industry in the world. We realize it because we see it, we feel it, we watch it happening in Europe. What's going on in Europe is of particular concern because there is a rise in xenophobia, nativism and tribalism in areas where tolerance once used to be the watchword. In countries such as Belguim, Holland, Italy and in Scandinavia there are increasing tendencies to tribalism and xenophobia that are of concern. We ought to be aware of it because they affect not only the Jewish communities there, but they affect also the Jewish communities in North America.

We are aware from public opinion polls that there is [also] a rising level of intolerance in Canada and we watch with concern the growth of anti-Semitism across the border, particularly the growing conflicts between Jews and Blacks in America. These should bother us.

It is also my intention to focus some of the indomitable energy of Congress into dealing with the crisis of continuity. We must try to build a Jewish community that is not simply concerned with survival, but one that is creative and attractive to our children — a community with substance and content, a community that stresses not only memory and remembrance, but other important values of our traditions — social justice, equity and compassion.

And finally, Israel. I think again that it's very important that Canadian Jewry stand shoulder to shoulder with Israel. It's now making enormous efforts and extending itself for peace.

We're not a monolithic organization. There are various groups within Congress who may disagree with specific policies of various Israeli governments. But the bottom line for us is the same. We all believe in an Israel that is secure, Jewish, tolerant and democratic. Within those ambits, we can disagree on specific policies.

So those are the major issues facing Congress.

CJN: *What is Congress' role in ensuring Jewish continuity?*

Abella: This is an issue of ongoing concern.

We are arranging to make a place for students and young officers in the executive and we're attempting to bring young people onto Congress committees.

We've resurrected and revivified the continuity committee to deal with federations to develop strategies and provide a linkage with what they are doing.

For example, we're co-sponsoring with the United Israel Appeal a university student trip to Poland and Israel in May which will be partially funded by the federations in Toronto and Montreal and by Congress.

We plan to hold a major education conference next year which will deal with a whole range of issues arising out of the continuity crisis.

CJN: *How do Congress' efforts on continuity jibe with programs undertaken by the federations?*

Abella: The federations have their own continuity programs, but Congress can provide the nexus between them on a Canada-wide basis. The federations realize this is a hot issue and have set up investigative bodies, think tanks, but we can provide some of the personnel, strategies and the co-ordination between them.

CJN: *Is Canada following the U.S. model on intermarriage and assimilation, though one or two generations later, and can we expect the same rates of intermarriage and assimilation?*

Abella: Since we follow the Americans in many ways, we may follow them on this as well.

But we must inform our youth about the positive reasons to remain Jewish, about the joy and passion and appreciation of the Jewish past.

We must convince them to remain as Jews because of our history and of what we've contributed to society through that history.

We live in a society in which being Jewish is one option among many, so we must make it an attractive option. We educate children up to the Bar Mitzvah age and then we leave them. In the United States, there are about 400 universities with Jewish studies programs. We in Canada hardly have any, though there exist some underfunded programs in a couple of universities. What kind of message does that send to our young people — that we don't put a high priority on their needs.

CJN: *Looking at this issue as an historian, aren't assimilation and intermarriage the same irresolvable problems the Jewish people have been facing for 3,000 years?*

Abella: Someone once said we're an ever-dying people. In the 1890s, the *Jewish Times* newspaper of Montreal wrote about its concerns over our survival.

In Canada, there are about 350,000 Jews — more than ever before. The obstacles that once confronted us are down, yet the birth rate is down. We may lose our critical mass. It's a concern now because assimilation and intermarriage are higher and the options are greater.

Youth should be amongst the top priorities of Congress and every Jewish organization. We send them to university and seem to forget about them. At university, they are confronted for the first time with vicious anti-Israel organizations and anti-Semitism, and there's little help.

Student organizations don't have the money or manpower to give their support. I see students from coast to coast and there are many unconnected Jews who simply drop out during their university years. If we laid out magnets for them, they'd be attracted.

Congress can't do much with funding since we're not a funding organization, but we can provide the leadership to the federations and to the United Israel Appeal to make students a higher priority. It's our job to alert the community about this and get the community to do something about it.

CJN: *Has there been any shift in priorities or emphasis from Les Scheininger's administration, in which he placed advocacy for Israel as a prime issue, to yours, which appears to put domestic issues higher on the agenda?*

Abella: I don't think so. The national unity committee was begun under Les Scheininger's administration, so our participation in the national unity debate began under him. But different administrations react differently as circumstances change. I think Les came into office when the crisis of Israel was on the boil and Congress had to react with a full court press to what was going on in the Middle East.

I think the circumstances have changed to the extent that when I came into office the issue that was on the minds of most Canadians, particularly Canadian Jews, was national unity.

It was a hot topic of debate, the country was up for grabs, and that's why we became involved in it. At the same time, the growing fears expressed in various demographic studies indicated that continuity had to become a major part of our agenda as well.

So I don't think there is a major difference in philosophy, but the exigencies of the situation have changed and we are therefore responding to the changes that appeared when the new administration came into being.

CJN: *What do you see as Congress' role vis-a-vis the apparent growth of anti-Semitic, racist groups in Canada?*

Abella: Congress has always taken a lead in combatting anti-Semitism, and it's taken the lead in a variety of ways. One of the important things we ought to remember is that anti-Semitism isn't a Jewish issue, it's a human rights issue, it's a Canadian issue, it affects all Canadians. I think all public opinion polls show that people who score high on the anti-Semitism scale also score high on anti-women, anti-civil rights, anti-aboriginals anti-immigrant attitudes, a whole variety of other things.

And so, the role Congress plays is not only to ferret out the anti-Semites, to show where they are, but also to build coalitions. It is absolutely essential in fighting anti-Semitism that we don't do it alone, that we create coalitions with various groups that think the same way we do — various other ethnic groups, religious groups, labor groups, business groups, and to fight it together.

We have to sensitize the media. It's very important the media be made aware of the activities of the anti-Semites; to be made aware of their own insensitivity on certain matters at certain times and to ensure they are totally involved in this battle.

It is important to bring this issue to the schools and to government. That's why Congress has taken the lead in introducing speakers in schools, lobbying for changes in curriculum and meeting regularly with government officials to talk about these issues.

CJN: *How would you characterize the relationship between Congress and B'nai Brith Canada?*

Abella: I think my relationship with the leaders of B'nai Brith is positive. They have a role to play, we have a role to play. They are a membership body and we may disagree on tactics on occassion, but on the whole there is no fundamental dispute between the organizations. The country is big enough to have a variety of organizations, each doing its job. If each does its job successfully, the Jewish community will be served well.

CJN: *What's been your biggest surprise since taking over as president?*

Abella: That I've enjoyed the job so much. It's not a job I sought or was eager for. We live in a society that devours its leaders; particularly Jewish organizations have a tradition of carping and cavilling and complaining and criticizing and I think what surprised me most was the goodwill among Jewish organizations, amongst Candian Jewry and the commmittment to go ahead and get the job done.

There have not been the proverbial internal battles one hears about and the terrible internecine struggles, so far. It may still be the honeymoon period, but so far it's been interesting, the job has been challenging and I'm intrigued. I think for an academic who writes about this to actual ly do it, is a novel experience.

I've enjoyed every minute of it so far.

One of the other things that struck me was the viability of Jewish life in small communities. I haven't travelled much beyond big city Jewish life in Canada. But having gone to places like Regina, Kelowna and various places in the Maritimes, I'm struck by the committment and the energy and the passion of maintaining a Jewish life where it's difficult to maintain. We in the big cities can be Jewish simply by osmosis. To them, it's a real struggle. One of the wonderfully pleasant surprises has been meeting with small Jewish communities and [seeing] the committment they have to remain part of the Jewish community. If some of us in big cities shared their committment, I think we'd be a better off community.

CJN: *What is Congress doing in terms of helping these communities?*

Abella: We try to make sure they get what they need. Again, it's a question of funding. We have a staff in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and the West who are there for them. When they need a Torah, we get them a Torah. When they need special arrangements for something, we do that. When they need a teacher, we try to get them

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PILGRIMAGE

Former Torontonian Laurie Dennett (left) recently completed her three-month, eight-country pilgrimage to raise money and awareness for multiple sclerosis societies along her route. Dennett, a London-based business historian, is shown with Ruth Dayan, vice-chairman of the Israel Multiple Sclerosis Society. Her walk began in London, England and culminated in Jerusalem.

Multiculturalism policy praised by minister

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Multiculturalism and Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner presented a glowing account of Canada's multiculturalism policy at a recent legal conference in Jerusalem on chartering human rights, but did not go so far as to suggest it be a model for Israel.

"Are there ideas and experiences [in the creation and implementation of Canada's multiculturalism policy] relevant to Israel today? That is for you to determine," Weiner told the conference held at Hebrew University and attended by leading Canadian and Israeli jurists.

"If the Canadian experience of multiculturalism can help in the chartering of human rights in Israel, it is a small but grateful gift for the commitment to peace you have demonstrated with such courage and vision."

Weiner dismissed the advisability of the "melting pot" theory of integration of immigrants and minorities, at least in Canada's case.

Assimilation is not the answer, according to Weiner, and works no better than apartheid. "Assimilate who into what? Are all francophones to become anglophones, or vice versa? Black into white? What about aboriginal Canadians, the first Canadians? Should they give up their cultures?"

This would result in a "dull, uninspiring society," according to Weiner.

"The answer is not separation or a reduction to the lowest common denominator," he said. "The answer is a society in which, through equal opportunity and the right to full participation, each citizen develops a vested interest in the future of that society. And when many people have such an interest it becomes a mutual interest."

Canada and Israel do share the challenge of "accommodat[ing] and respect[ing] ethnic, culture and religious diversity, while at the same time safeguarding the ideals and principles, the ethos, of national unity," he said.

He noted that the Canadian experience is different from that in other countries in the degree to which its multiculturalism policy recognizes diversity as an asset, not a liability.

Gerry Weiner

Weiner's address to the conference was the main reason for his 10-day government-sponsored trip to Israel, together with wife Judy and policy adviser Neil Drabkin.

In an interview upon his return, Weiner said he reiterated in his meetings with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, President Chaim Herzog and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek Canada's steadfast support for the State of Israel and faith in its desire for peace. He was also received by the two chief rabbis, Mordechai Eliyahu and Avraham Shapira.

At the conference, held just one week after the deportation of over 400 Palestinians was condemned by the Canadian government, Weiner declared: "Today, Canada has only admiration for the courageous steps Israel has taken to open the dialogue with your neighbors and with the Palestinians.

"It is a long and difficult road, we know, but it is the only possible road to a genuine and lasting peace and we support your determination to make the process work."

Weiner referred to Israel as a "jewel of democracy" that can become "a beacon of light for all the people of the Middle East."

He said Peres assured him of Israel's intention to continue with peace talks and that the current lull is normal during the transfer of U.S. administrations.

Weiner also visited absorption centres for large numbers of Russian and Ethiopian immigrants. Weiner has a cousin from the former Soviet Union who has lived in Israel for a few years and is now bringing over 22 relatives shortly from the old country.

Weiner, who said he fully intends to run in his Pierrefonds-Dollard riding in the next federal election, said the trip was valuable to his understanding of "this difficult period" in the Middle East and he believes the significance of his being the only Jewish cabinet minister and government member in Canada was not lost on his Israeli hosts.

Weiner said he was warmly received in the major Druze village of Daliyat el-Carmel in northern Israel, where he was shown a memorial to the Druze soldiers who died while serving in the Israeli forces. He also toured the Golan Heights where Canadian peacekeeping troops are on duty, and attended the opening of Project Genesis in Jerusalem, a community service agency patterned on the Project Genesis in Montreal.

Irving Abella

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someone who can do it. We provide speakers. We provide as we can given the limitations of the budget. It's an extra effort, but it's well worth it. The gratitude of these communities is worth the work involved in getting them what they need.

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CJN: *What would you like your legacy as Congress president to be?*

Abella: I think I'd like it to be said that I made a difference. That here was a guy who wrote about the Jews and talked about the Jews in Canada and cared enough to actually do something. I would like, if there is going to be a positive legacy, it's easy enought to leave negative legacies, that he made a difference in terms of the quality of life of Canadian Jews and the quality of life and committment to Judaism of young Jews.

[I'd also like it remembered] that he made being part of the Canadian community as important as being part of [world Jewry] and that [the Canadian Jewish community played] a role in this country in terms of all the issues that confront us as Canadians. Congress ought to be playing a role in Canadian society on all issues.

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World

Israel bends on the PLO

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The United States has welcomed the Israeli Knesset's vote last week to repeal a ban on contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization, but says the move will not have any immediate effect on U.S. policy.

"There has been no change in our policy as regards the PLO," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said during his first briefing for the Clinton administration.

That will likely come as good news to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was known to be concerned that the Knesset action would prompt the United States to resume its dialogue with the PLO or support calls for the organization to play a more direct role in the Middle East peace talks.

The United States has in the past promised not to ask Israel to negotiate with the PLO.

The U.S. government began low-level diplomatic contacts with the PLO in December 1988, after it recognized Israel's right to exist and publicly renounced terrorism. But the dialogue was suspended in June 1990, after the PLO failed to condemn an attempted terrorist attack on Israel staged by one of its factions.

When asked if Washington was now considering reopening the dialogue, Boucher said, "I wouldn't put it that way, no."

He added: "There has been no change in our policy regarding the suspension of the U.S. dialogue with the PLO."

Progress on setting a date for a new round of peace talks has been stalled over the issue of Israel's deportation last month of more than 400 Palestinians to Lebanon.

Rally ends in violence

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A police riot squad was stationed across the hotel but wasn't called in. However, the *Province*'s Ian Austin said about half a dozen skinheads and anti-fascists battled with clubs.

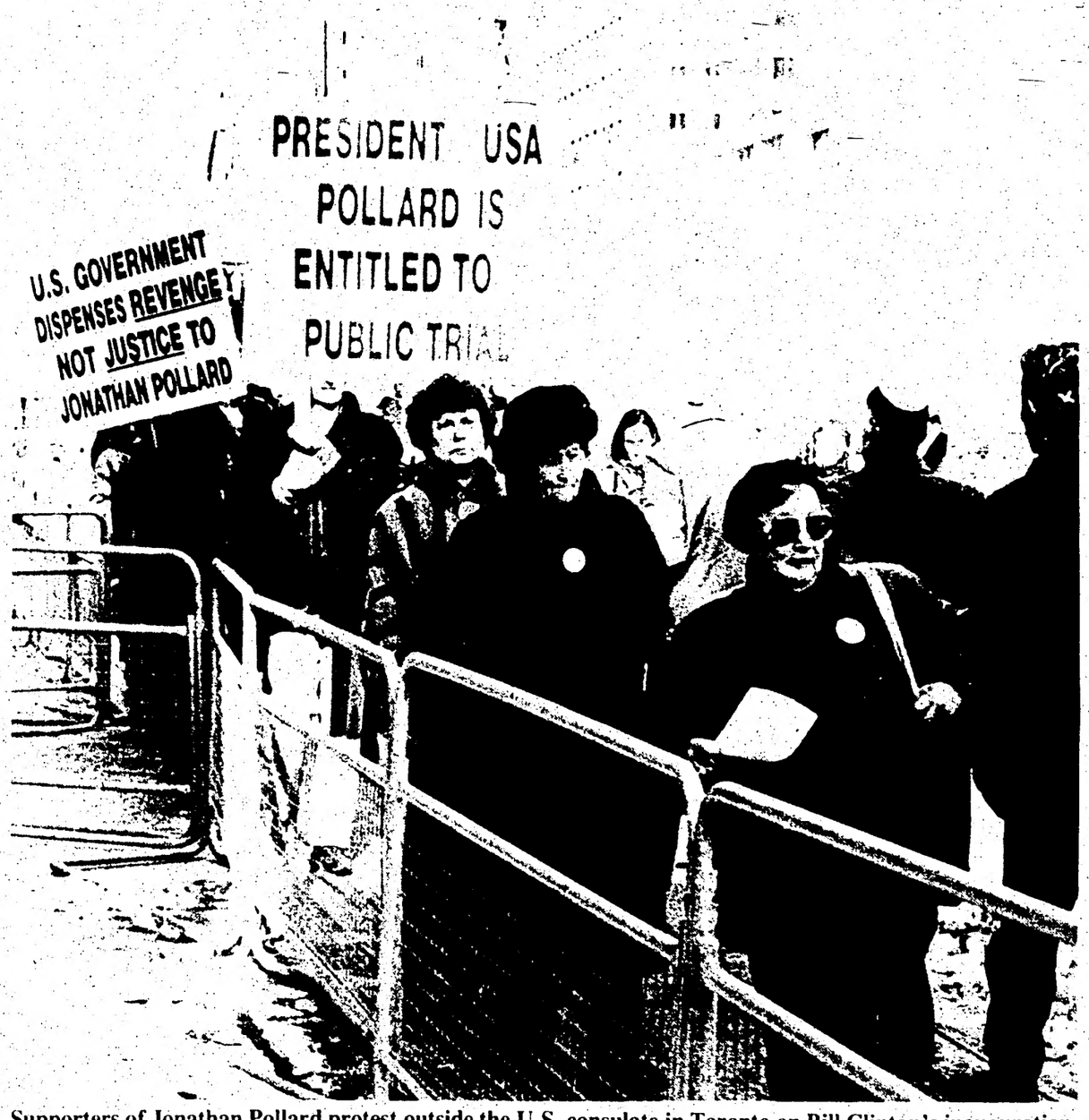
One of the BCOFR officials claimed "we made the fascists change their plans three times. This is a tremendous victory. We will declare Vancouver a bigot-free zone."

In a letter anouncing the anti-racist rally, the BCOFR declared "organized racist groups are testing the strength of this community's ability to oppose racism. We need to state in a clear and united way that British Columbians will not tolerate the virulent and hateful messages being delivered by these groups and their attempts to organize here."

CJC-P was unable to join the rally because it was held on Friday night but region chair Renee Switzer Bellas said in a letter to the BCOFR that "we applaud all Canadians who share our objectives and want to make our country a more tolerant place for all."

Earlier last week Congress asked Immigration Canada to investigate McAleer for broadcasting advance information about the Metzger speech. Congress said McAleer had reported Metzger was going to come to Vancouver regardless of the fact he didn't have the required permit from the minister of immigration.

Switzer Bellas told the immigration department that McAleer could be violating Section 94-1-M of the Immigratioon Act which states that "every person is guilty of an offence who knowingly induces, aids or abets or attempts to aid or abet any person to contravene any provisions of the Act."



Supporters of Jonathan Pollard protest outside the U.S. consulate in Toronto on Bill Clinton's inauguration day, in the hope that Pollard would soon be freed from prison.

Rally calls for Pollard's release

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Some 60 people participated in a peaceful rally outside the U.S. consulate in Toronto last Wednesday to protest the unusually harsh punishment meted out seven years ago to Jonathan Pollard.

The former U.S. Navy analyst was sentenced in 1985 on one count of passing information to a friendly ally (Israel) in peacetime. Elaine Zeitz, spokeswoman for Citizens for Justice for Jonathan Pollard, Canada said the information concerned nuclear and chemical war weapons in Iraq and Syria, information to which Israel was entitled by treaty agreement. Pollard was sentenced at a closed hearing as part of a plea bargain, and the results of a closed hearing can never be appealed, Zeitz explained.

Coincidentally, a rally on Pollard's behalf took place in front of the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem at the same time. The latter rally was organized by Jewish Action Initiative, a recently-formed international student organization headed in Toronto by University of Toronto student Yehuda Poch, who attended the Toronto rally.

The average sentence for such a crime is two to four years, said Zeitz. Pollard's sentence of life imprisonment with no chance of parole was due to the last-minute recommendation of then Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, an interference in the judicial process which is "patently illegal" in Canada, she said.

After years of work spearheaded by Pollard's sister Carol, the Pollard cause now has the support of "every major Jewish organization in North America," said Zeitz. It also has the support of organizations, both Jewish and non-Jewish, in Europe, Australia and South America.

"Do you know what [former] President Bush's response has been to the entire organized Jewish community, their Christian friends and interdenominational support representing millions of people?" Zeitz asked. "This was his answer: (silence). Not even bothering with the courtesy of a reply. That kind of insult needs redress. We now call upon President Clinton to look into not only this travesty of justice known as the Pollard case but this major insult to millions and millions of people," said Zeitz.

Organizations represented at the Toronto rally included the Canadian Friends of the International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem, a group with offices in 82 countries. One of its mandates, Executive Director Al Lazert told *The CJN*, is "to support Jewish causes including the State of Israel's right to exist and causes like this where we see what we think are anti-Semitic overtones or undertones in public life."

Students from York University, Ryerson and the University of Toronto participated in the rally. York's Jewish Student Union was officially represented by Menahem Neuer, program director, and Network (the Canadian arm of World Union of Jewish Students) by its national director, Sim Olsberg.

Cantor Louis Danto of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue marched because Pollard "has had his share [of punishment] already. He just wanted to help [Israel]. He would never have done it if it would have harmed the United States."

Other Pollard supporters at the rally included Helen Smolack, president, Toronto Zionist Council; Batya Eisen of Sar-El (volunteers for Israel); Herb Landis, vice-chair, Beth Tzedec Congregation's Soviet Jewry committee; Shalom Schacter; and Bert Raphael, Pollard's Canadian legal counsel, of the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada and the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists. The latter association passed a resolution in early January calling on the president of the United States to commute Pollard's sentence to time already served.

Following the rally, Zeitz presented U.S. Consul General Daniel Santos with a letter to Clinton urging him to immediately commute Pollard's sentence to time served.

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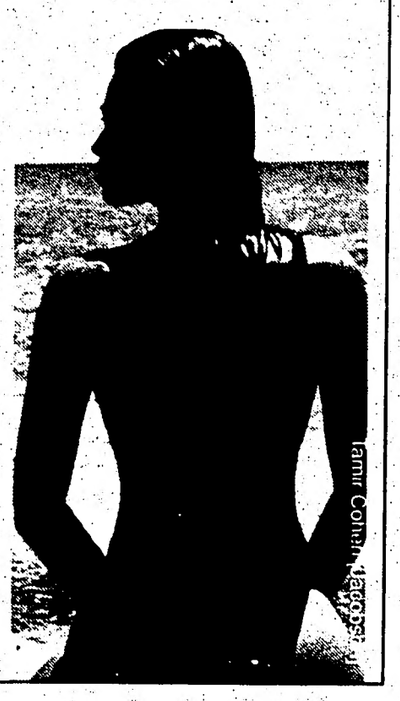

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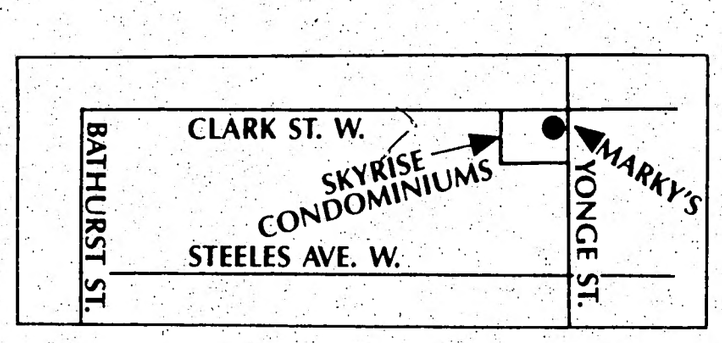

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Arafat issues call for talks on Israel TV

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Two days after the Knesset lifted a ban on contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization, Israel Television broadcast an interview with Yasser Arafat in which he called for direct meetings between Israel and the PLO.

The phone interview was arranged by the Israeli peace activist Abie Nathan, who called Israel's state-run television from Tunis and then put the PLO chief on the line. The taped statement was then aired later during a news program.

"I call once again on the prime minister, Mr. (Yitzhak) Rabin, and his government to agree to a meeting of the courageous, in order to establish a courageous peace," Arafat said.

Nathan kept a promise by flying to Tunis and becoming the first Israeli to meet legally with Arafat under the new law. Last fall, Nathan said in an interview he would meet with Arafat and have coffee with him as soon as the law against meeting with the PLO was nullified.

Nathan attended the historic vote in the Knesset in which the longstanding ban was repealed. He left Israel a few hours later to meet the PLO chairman at his headquarters in Tunis.

As he left Israel, Nathan said he would ask Arafat to make a reciprocal gesture. But he declined in telephone interviews he gave from Tunis after his meeting to give details of the talk.

Nathan has twice been jailed for meeting Arafat under the old law forbidding contact with the PLO.

Other Israelis, including some dovish Knesset members, have reportedly arranged a meeting with PLO officials to take place shortly in Cairo.

Meanwhile, the Israeli newspaper *Ma'ariv* said it is planning to buy Nathan's radio station, the Voice of Peace, which broadcasts from a boat anchored off Tel Aviv. The station features popular music and newscasts.

But Nathan, who owns the vessel and its radio station, said from Tunis he knew nothing about such a deal.

Ya'acov Kfir, *Ma'ariv's* managing director, later confirmed to Israel Radio that the paper had, indeed, obtained an option to purchase the Voice of Peace by the end of the month.

"By that time, we will have checked out the economic feasibility of buying and operating the vessel and its radio station," he said. "If it proves to be a viable business, we will go ahead with it."

If the deal goes through, *Ma'ariv* will be the first Israeli newspaper to own and operate a radio station.

WJC facing roadblocks trying to stop Spielberg film

LOS ANGELES (JTA) —

An attempt by the World Jewish Congress (WJC) to stop Steven Spielberg from filming part of his next movie at Auschwitz has been met with a largely negative response from the noted producer-director, other Jews in Hollywood and spokesmen for Holocaust memorial institutions.

The WJC said it was concerned that access to commercial filming at the death camp where more than one million Jews were killed would disturb the dignity of the site.

A spokesman said the organization had been informed that Spielberg planned to use hundreds of extras and build a fake gas chamber for his movie, *Schindler's List*.

WJC leaders were also reportedly upset because Spielberg, the director of such hits as *E.T.* and *Gremlins*, had bypassed the International Auschwitz Museum Council — of which WJC vice president Kalman Sultanik is vice chairman — and got permission to film directly from the Polish government.

Sultanik has submitted a protest to the Polish ambassador to the United States and left last week for Warsaw, where he promised to pursue the issue.

Schindler's List is based on the best-seller by Thomas Keneally and tells the story of a brave German businessman who saved more than 1,000 Jews by employing them in his factory and refusing to turn them over to the Nazis and certain death.

Spielberg, currently in the final stages of editing the film *Jurassic Park*, was not available for comment, but his spokesman, Marvin Levy, said that an advance production crew for *Schindler's List* was already in Poland, and that filming would begin as scheduled in early March.

Levy said that actual filming at the Auschwitz camp would take no more than three days and that Spielberg did not plan to replicate a gas chamber.

Irish actor Liam Neesom has been cast in the lead role of Oskar Schindler, and the film is expected to be released in December of this year.

Other Jewish groups echoed WJC's concern for the solemnity of the site, but expressed confidence that a filmmaker of Spielberg's standing would treat the subject with sensitivity. They also saw the project as an opportunity to educate millions about the horrors of the Holocaust.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, which has clashed with the WJC in the past, described the action by the latter organization as "really an insult," in the words of Rabbi Marvin Hier, the center's dean.

"We unreservedly support Mr. Spielberg," Hier said. "To put so many restrictions on him will only give credence to Holocaust revisionists."

He noted that the television series based on Herman Wouk's *War and Remembrance* had been shot at Auschwitz, with the sensitive guidance of Holocaust survivor Bronco Lustig, who is performing the same service for *Schindler's List*.

Michael Berenbaum, project director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, said he saw no objections to the film project if it were handled with taste and responsibility.

He hoped, however, that a location adjoining, rather than inside, the former death camp could be used for the film.

In Los Angeles, David Lehrer, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, said he questioned whether it was necessary to film at Auschwitz itself, in light of the advanced technology for recreating any given location, but that some latitude should be allowed to someone of Spielberg's accomplishments.

Members of the film industry strongly backed Spielberg. "I can't understand this controversy. I think it's marvelous that someone like Spielberg will do a film about the Holocaust," said screenwriter Hal Sitowitz.

Director Jeremy Kagan (*The Chosen*) agreed. "It's difficult enough in this day and age to get anyone in the mass media to pay attention to the Holocaust," he said. "If someone of Spielberg's eminence is willing to take a chance on the subject, it will certainly bring more awareness to a public that would rather forget."

Informed of such reactions, WJC spokesman Elan Steinberg emphasized repeatedly that "we're not ascribing any ill intentions to Spielberg."

But once a precedent had been set of bypassing the body responsible for the preservation of Auschwitz, the camp site could turn into a Hollywood back lot, Steinberg said.

"There is one strong view that only documentaries, and not commercial movies, should be filmed at Auschwitz," he added.

In Canada, Sigmund Sobolewski, co-director of the Auschwitz Awareness Society and himself a survivor, said he plans to raise the issue at the next meeting of the International Auschwitz Museum Council, being held in Oswiecim, Poland later this month.

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איך זאָג צו אים: „טו אַ קוק ס'אַרום ליכטיקע וועלט!" און ער רעדט זייניקעס: די וועלט גייט אונטער, זאָגט ער...

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Israeli, PLO negotiations meet with negative reaction

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Negotiations between Israel and the PLO "are neither imminent nor desirable," David Goldberg, director of the Foundation for Middle East Studies, said here recently.

The audience of 200 at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue also reacted negatively to the new law in Israel lifing the ban against contact by individual Israelis with members of the PLO. They applauded Goldberg's conclusion vigorously.

All the questioners in the discussion period expressed misgivings about the change in the law. Most people approached by *The CJN* reporter declined to give any opinion for publication.

One exception was Dr. Avrum Gotlieb, past chairman of the synagogue's continuing education committee, who said the former ban on contact with the PLO was difficult to enforce and that many Israelis were opposed to the ban. In the long run, he said, the change in the law would not make any difference on the question of whether there should be direct negotiations with the PLO.

Jack Frankel, another audience member, said he opposed the change in the law because the new law would be difficult to enforce and it was the wrong signal to send to Israel's enemies.

While appreciating that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is still opposed to negotiations with the PLO, Abe Richman said he feared world opinion will force the Israeli government "to take the next step of direct negotiations."

Noting that 61 out of 120 members of the Knesset were absent when the change in law was approved, Goldberg declared: "An obvious question is, 'How does one know when an individual's contact with the PLO is injurious to the state and when it is not, and who will decide?' That's for Israel to decide. The Likud party is opposed, believing even innocent contacts are a precursor to direct negotiations with the PLO."

Reviewing the history of the PLO and the Palestine National Covenant, the speaker said the PLO's track record showed it is not a suitable partner in peace negotiations, "despite its moderate sounding rhetoric."

A recent poll by an Israeli daily revealed that 67 of the 116 Knesset members polled were opposed to direct talks with the PLO, he said.

The argument that changes in the law will strengthen the hands of moderate Palestinians "is a weak one in practical terms," Goldberg declared.

"Despite the PLO's differences with the fundamentalists it does not necessarily mean that the Palestinians are good guys. There can be two bad guys, not one good guy and one bad guy. The Americans view the world as one good guy and one bad guy."

Referring to the debate within the Israeli cabinet over relations with the PLO, Goldberg said the cabinet was given a document revealing that 75 percent of the 340 terrorist actions in the territories in 1992 were committed by the Fatah or other PLO affiliates.

Posing the question, 'Has the PLO demonstrated flexibility and moderation to encourage Israel?' he answered in the negative, quoting a recent interview given to *The Jerusalem Report* by Yasser Arafat.

In that interview, he said, Arafat opposed consideration of UN resolution 242 to a later stage of the negotiations. "In other words, he wants an independent Palestine state tomorrow."

Arafat also opposed a five-year interim period before a final settlement, Goldberg said, noting that in a poll only 37 percent of Israelis said Israel could survive living next door to an independent Palestinian state.

The PLO leader also opposed independent elections until Israel withdraws completely from the territories and an independent Palestinian state is formed.

In the discussion period, one questioner asked: "Is Israel a tired society willing to gamble on losing the political battle?" Goldberg said he did not agree with that statement and added that the peace process would be a long and painful one.

The meeting was co-sponsored by the Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada.

Bibi sex scandal heats up in Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The sex-and-politics scandal surrounding one of Israel's most popular politicians, Benjamin Netanyahu, continues to captivate the country as new details leak out about the "other woman" in his life.

The affair, already dubbed "Bibigate" in splashy newspaper headlines, competes here for the day's top news story with the political crisis created by Israel's deportation of Muslim fundamentalists.

The scandal broke more than a week ago when Bibi, as the American-educated Knesset member is popularly known, went public with an accusation that he was being blackmailed.

Netanyahu claimed that an anonymous person had phoned his wife and threatened that a secret videotape showing him in compromising circumstances with another woman would be published if he did not withdraw his candidacy for the leadership of the opposition Likud bloc.

Netanyahu admitted on Israeli television that he had, indeed, been having an extramarital affair with another woman but had ended it some months ago.

While such private scandals are commonplace in North America and Europe, they are rare in Israel, and this one has riveted the Israeli public.

The big story over the weekend broke when Israeli newspapers identified the "other woman" as a media adviser hired by Netanyahu to help him in last year's Likud party primary.

The country's newspapers on Sunday ran lengthy stories describing the romance between Netanyahu and Ruth Bar, the marketing and media consultant. Bar's husband, Petach Tikva eye surgeon Shmuel Bar, has filed for divorce, publicly fingering Netanyahu as his wife's lover.

Israel's largest-circulation daily newspaper, *Yediot Achronot*, draped a photograph of Bar over much of its front page Sunday.

According to *Yediot*, Dr. Bar, 44, had suspected for many months that his wife was having an affair with Netanyahu. However, he decided to sue for divorce only after he saw Bibi's public confession on television.

Despite the scandal — or perhaps because of it — Netanyahu's political stock remains high.

A poll taken after the story first broke showed that Netanyahu would beat Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by 34 percent to 28 percent if direct elections were held today.

The poll, conducted by the Panorama firm and published Friday in the daily *Ma'ariv*, also showed that Netanyahu would win his party's leadership in the Likud primaries if the vote were taken now. The primary is scheduled to be held this coming spring.

According to the projections, Netanyahu would easily beat out his party rivals, gaining 51 percent of the vote against 25 percent for Ze'ev "Benny" Begin and only 11 percent for former Foreign Minister David Levy.

Syrian Jews blocked from leaving

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

About a dozen Syrian Jews have been allowed to go to the United States in the past two weeks but Damascus can still be considered to be holding the remaining members of the Jewish community "hostage," diplomatic sources said.

Most of those who left had received their visas prior to Oct. 20, when Syria clamped down on the Jewish exodus, the sources said.

Jewish circles in the United States described the number of new arrivals as "insignificant" and said the situation in Syria is basically unchanged.

Officially, Syria continues to contend that "technical hitches" have held up the departure of the remaining Jews who would like to leave, the sources said.

The sources said "it is clear" that about 1,000 Jews are still waiting to depart, and that only about 200-300 members of the Jewish community are not contemplating leaving.

"It is possible that the Syrians, who since October have tied the Jews' exodus to political developments, want to make a gesture to the new American administration in return for favors from Washington," one source said.

The Canadian External Affairs Department has made yet another appeal to President Hafez Assad and the Canadian and U.S. ambassadors in Damascus are co-operating closely in this respect, Judy Feld Carr, head of the Syrian Jewry Task Force in Toronto said.

There are rumors that a group of disgruntled recent arrivals in the United States is contemplating returning to Damascus, a New York source associated with the Syrian Jewish community said.

"They have been absorbed in hotels, not always of the highest standard, and most of them are not working," he said. "Many of these are people who left behind very large businesses and extensive property and are used to a high standard of living.

"They are in culture shock. Hardly any of them speak English. Many of them are in limbo, because they are in temporary housing and don't know where they will go. Some of them are contemplating moving to South America, where there is a large Syrian community," he said.

The source added that the Syrian Jewish community in Brooklyn had been generous with financial help, but is "not sensitive to the newcomers' psychological needs."

Asked to comment, the head of the Organization of Lebanese and Syrian Jews in Israel, David Silvera said: "Nothing is new. We still hope the exodus will continue according to Syrian promises."

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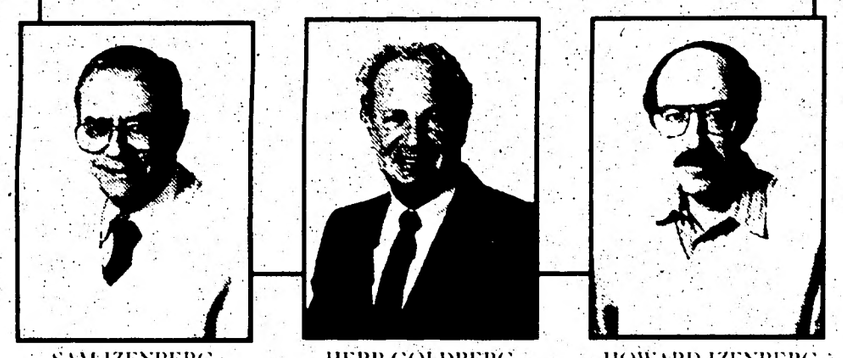

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The News in Brief

Plotnick to chair March

TORONTO — Stanley K. Plotnick, a prominent Montreal Jewish community leader, has been appointed chairman of the Canadian delegation of the 1994 March of the Living. The March of the Living is an educational event, held every two years, at which time thousands of Jewish youths from around the world gather together to mark two of the most significant dates in the Jewish calendar. The youths go to Poland for Holocaust Remembrance Day, where they take part in a symbolic march from Auschwitz to Birkenau, and to Israel for Yom Ha'atsmaut, where they celebrate Israel's independence. Canadian participation in the March is co-ordinated by the United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc. (UIA) in conjunction with local Canadian Federations.

The 1994 March of the Living is expected to attract approximately 300 high school participants from Canada, and approximately 4,000 students worldwide. The dates of the program are April 4-17.

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UIA mission planned

TORONTO — UIA Canada, in conjunction with local Canadian Federations, is launching its first ever National Young Leadership Mission to Poland and Israel. One hundred Canadian Jewish leaders, ages 25-40, are expected to take part in "Rememberance to Revival," an intense 11-day fundraising mission, scheduled from May 9-20.

The fee for the mission is $2,100. Participation is subject to a gift to your local campaign. For further information on Canada's first ever National Young Leadership Mission please call your local Jewish Federation or Eli Rubenstein c/o UIA Canada, at tel: 416 636-7655.

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Couple to be extradited

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court has cleared the way for an American couple to be extradited to the United States, where they face charges in connection with a 1980 bombing that claimed the life of a secretary in California.

The court rejected an appeal by the couple, Robert and Rochelle Manning, and Justice Minister David Libai was expected to sign extradition papers "within a few days."

The Mannings, who live in the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba, have been fighting the extradition request since 1990, with the support of friends and activists in the Jewish settlers movement.

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Rabinovich approved

JERUSALEM — Israel's cabinet has reconfirmed its decision to appoint Itamar Rabinovich ambassador to the United States, and he is now expected to take up the post Feb. 5.

The cabinet's original appointment of Rabinovich, who currently heads Israel's bilateral negotiations with Syria, was put in doubt when the Israeli news media reported that he had recently paid a voluntary idemnity to tax authorities for money earned in the United States several years ago.

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Jews protest PLO office

BUENOS AIRES — Jews in Latin America are unhappy with the Chilean government's decision earlier this month to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization officially and have asked the World Jewish Congress to deplore the move in meetings with Chilean diplomats.

On Jan. 5, the Chilean government approved the opening of a PLO information office in the capital city of Santiago.

There are more than 250,000 Palestinians in this country of about 12 million people, where some 17,000 Jews live.

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Anti-Semitic Fans

AMSTERDAM — Riot police prevented 1,000 soccer fans who were singing anti-Semitic songs and shouting neo-Nazi slogans from attending a soccer match in Diemen, an eastern suburb of Amsterdam.

The fans had travelled from Utrecht to Diemen to cheer on their home team, which was playing against the Amsterdam team Ajax.

As the fans got off their train in Diemen yelling anti-Semitic solgans and saluting in Nazi style, police ordered all the Utrecht fans to return home immediately by train.

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Police urged to set up unit

TORONTO —The Simon Wiesenthal Centre has called on the Metro Toronto Police Services Board (MTPSB) to help organize a national police task force, which would include the RCMP and Canadian Security Intelligence Service, to combat neo-Nazism in Canada.

"The recent flurry of attacks on Toronto synagogues and the simultaneous desecrations of seven synagogues in Montreal is proof that we are not dealing with adolescent pranksters but with a well organized effort to intimidate the Jewish community," said Sol Littman, Canadian director of the centre.

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Talk about a lucky guy

JERUSALEM — A Herzliya man hit Israel's Lotto lottery prize last week — for the second time in six years.

When he won in 1986, the 50-year-old man used the $80,000 (U.S.) to buy an apartment. He plans to use the $1.4m jackpot he picked up this time to buy apartments for his three children, he said.

His wife refused to believe they had become millionaries, telling her husband that only when she saw the check would she believe their good fortune.

The man had invested $34 in Loto tickets.

For the past 30 years, he has been faithfully buying Lotto tickets every week.

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VOA transmitter opposed

JERUSALEM — Israel's newly appointed minister of the environment, Yossi Sarid, says that he is unequivocally opposed to the constitution of Voice of America radio transmitters in the Negev.

The proposed relay transmitters, designed to beam U.S. government-controlled news programs and American propaganda into the former Soviet Union, has long been a festering issue between the United States and Israeli environmentalists opposed to the project.

Sarid, a member of the left-wing Meretz bloc, said, "If I, as environment minister, don't consider the ecological interests in the area, then no one will do it for me."

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PLO leader flees France

PARIS — The Palestine Liberation Organization's top representative in Paris has reportedly fled France with his wife and children following threats to his life.

Ibrahim Souss, a Jerusalem-born Christian Arab, told a close aide that he received information about a possible assassination attempt against him.

Souss apparently did not elaborate further to his aide, but left him home in the Paris suburb of Colombes together with his wife Diana and their two children.

Diana Souse is the daughter of Raymonda Tawil, a well-known Palestinian writer and journalist, and the sister of Soha, the wife of PLO chief Yasir Arafat.

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Woman brutally murdered

JERUSALEM — Police detectives suspect that the brutal murder of a Jewish prostitute found dead last week in Holon, near Tel Aviv, was carried out by Arab nationalists with political motivations.

The victim, 37-year-old Sarah Sharon, was repeatedly and viciously stabbed to death. Her body was discovered in Holon's industrial area.

A note in Arabic, left pinned to her, promised further killings "unless the Hamas deportees are returned."

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Labor selects Weizman

JERUSALEM — Ezer Weizman, the father of Israel's air force and an architect of the peace accord with Egypt, has been selected as the Labor Party's candidate for the post of state president.

Weizman, a former cabinet minister who left the right-wing Likud bloc to become a Labor Party dove, received 52 percent of the vote in the 1,300-member Labor Central Committee.

Weizman, 68, the nephew of Israel's first president, will square off in March against Likud Knesset member Dov Shilansky, a former Knesset speaker, in a secret ballot among the parliament's 120 members.

Front Line

Hamas deportation puts peace process on hold

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Let's face it: A harsh reaction to the escalating Hamas terror was inevitable and the intention to cripple its leading ranks was justified. But the fallout proved to be much more costly than expected. The fact that within the government the vote for the massive deportation was nearly unanimous and public support for the action quite enthusiastic, does little to improve the balance.

After a long interval of disinterest in the Arab-Israeli conflict perceived to be progressing, the Security Council rallied once more against Israel. This was in part a response to the unusually high number of deportees, who contrary to Israeli hopes and precedents, were not allowed by the Lebanese to disperse in their country and remained stranded on its icy edges and on the screens of worldwide television.

Israel's position in the Council was further complicated by the fact that the United States was at the time seeking the members' support for action against Iraq. Under the circumstances an American veto against the resolution demanding the return of the deportees was practically unthinkable. Nor can one be taken for granted if the Council were to convene again in the aftermath of the American bombings in Iraq, which have put Western-Arab relations under renewed stress.

The Supreme Court of Israel, often called to examine the legality of deportations before they can be carried out, was at the time practically incapacitated from intervening, because while it deliberated, the 415 deportees were already sitting blindfolded in busses at Israel's northern frontier. The Court got a further opportunity to rule on the matter a month after the event and has, while I write, still not given its opinion.

Once more it was proven that governments must act judiciously themselves and rely less on the judiciary branch for guidance or relief.

It is no secret that Islamic extremism is one of the most acute dangers of our time and if not controlled could destabilize the regimes of Algeria, Morocco, Egypt and Jordan, as it is already attempting to do. It is also trying to get a foothold in some of the Muslim republics of the former Soviet Union who are in desperate need of financial assistance as well as of ideological substitutes for the defunct communist religion.

Yeshayahu Anug

The surge of Islam as emerging from Iran, which is rapidly rearming and slowly becoming a regional superpower, could well succeed in inspiring the frustrated masses in the Muslim's world corrupt regimes. In Israel and in the territories, Hamas activity is also financially assisted by the insecure Saudi regime for reasons of self-protection.

The fact that Arab regimes, directly endangered by Islamic fundamentalism, rallied in loud support of the Hamas deportees, while at the same time detaining similar extremists by the thousands, should not be surprising. The Orient lives by ambiguities.

The main casualty of the deportation could, at least temporarily, be the peace process itself, since the Palestinians are inclined to boycott it until the deportees are returned. Very little love is lost between the PLO and Hamas, but more than the divided PLO itself, individual members of the Palestinian delegation to the negotiations simply fear for their lives. It now seems that the process will not resume before some solution for the deportees will be found. How this will be done will to a great extent depend on American diplomacy.

Rabin's leadership has still to come out from the tentative phase of experimentation. He has, as we pointed out repeatedly during his six-month tenure, a small parliamentary power base and at the same time a rare opportunity to make momentous decisions. He cannot broaden it without endangering the peace-in-security platform on which he was elected and which entails territorial concessions.

As a result, his politics have become survival tactics with internal manoeuvering so time-consuming as to leave little energy for actual innovation. But Rabin is still the most popular politician in Israel and people who voted for him are now asking themselves if, by ordering the massive deportation of the Hamas terrorists in open defiance of world-wide criticism, Rabin wanted to gather enough popular support for a crucial breakthrough in the peace process, or whether he has acted impulsively, precipitating a crisis which he now finds difficult to handle.

Before the escalation of Hamas terrorism and the subsequent repression, some progress was made in the Syrian-Israeli negotiations and in the conversations with Jordan, while the contacts with the Palestinian representatives were more or less stagnating. The deportation of the Hamas activists on such a vast scale and the miscalculation of its effects in the Arab world have temporarily enhanced the standing of Hamas in the territories. If allowed to continue unresolved, the crisis could create a dangerous diplomatic vacuum in Arab-Israel relations with unpredictable consequences.

One way to handle this complicated situation, now that the formal Israeli-Arab peace-talks are on hold, is to use the imposed lull for informal contacts, so as to avoid further estrangement and a loss of the results of a year of hard bargaining. There is enough objective interest in all parties for this to be possible.

As to Israel, where the initial enthusiasm over the massive deportations is now cooling off, Lt. General Moshe Levi, who was the chief of the general staff during the war in Lebanon, commenting on the lingering affair in *Yediot Aharonot*, declared candidly that he does not believe in the principle of "clinging to a plan which has visibly failed."

What seemed to be a locally circumscribed response to Hamas terror only a month ago has thus become a component of the new regional situation now dominated by the escalation of the unfinished U.S.-Iraqi conflict and by its impact on the region. It'll take some time and much skill before the Clinton administration finds a way out of the inherited mideastern labyrinth.

It would be surprising if the Arab-Israeli peace process were to remain as high a priority as it was soon after "Desert Storm" when it was regarded as the main ingredient of a feasible new regional order. Israeli diplomacy may not have been able to foresee all the new developments in the Gulf, but must now use much imaginative thinking if it wants to continue the peace process even under these new circumstances and if it wants, as it should, to help the new U.S. president to help himself.

The Clinton administration will have its hands full with complicated international issues. This is not an ideal time for a test of its announced and presumably real sympathy for the Israeli cause.

Saddam Hussein wants to turn the clock back

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Suddenly last week, the unpredictable and often belligerent Saddam Hussein moved into a conciliatory mode. Suddenly, he was ready to let United Nations weapons inspectors into Iraq and thus comply with a UN resolution he had blatantly flouted. Suddenly, he wanted to open a new chapter in Iraq's contentious relationship with the United States.

After weeks of mounting political and military tension with the United States and its allies, the mercurial Saddam offered an olive branch. No longer was he calling for a holy war, or reiterating his territorial claim to Kuwait, the flashpoint of the 1991 Gulf War.

But is the latest crisis in the Middle East really over, and can Saddam be trusted? Yes and no.

For the next few weeks, perhaps months, Iraq will be on its best behavior. It probably will not interfere with the work of UN inspectors, whose mandate is to search for, and destroy, Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Yet it would be naive to assume that Saddam has really jettisoned his policy of consistently challenging the validity of UN resolutions which ended the Gulf War.

Despite last week's rhetoric from Baghdad, Iraq has not given the slightest indication that it is prepared to destroy its remaining stocks of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, let alone its Scud missiles with a range of more than 110 kilometres. It is also doubtful whether Saddam has any intention of providing the UN with real information about offshore companies which, in the 1970s and 1980s, sold Iraq the sophisticated technology and materials that enabled the Iraqis to arm themselves to the teeth.

And, judging from the most recent U.S. air raids against Iraqi anti-aircraft sites in the north, it can be assumed that Iraq will continue to challenge the air exclusion zones in northern and southern Iraq — which Saddam has vehemently rejected as illegal and illegitimate. These so-called no-fly areas — which have effectively partitioned Iraq into three separate zones and which have enabled the Kurds to form a semi-autonomous republic above the 36th parallel — were established by the United States, in cooperation with Britain and France outside the framework of the UN, to help protect Iraq's long-persecuted and harassed Kurdish minority and its large Shi'ite Muslim population.

It is inconceivable that Saddam will bow to the permanence of this arrangement, which he regards as an intolerable infringement on Iraq's sovereignty. In the north, the Iraqis are expected to blockade the Kurdish enclave, while there is every indication that in the south Iraqi infantry will not hesitate to launch land operations against Shi'ite rebels.

Furthermore, Baghdad is still in violation of a UN resolution which requires Iraq to pay Kuwait reparations through oil sales for damages caused by its short-lived occupation. And Saddam has not accepted the new border between Iraq and Kuwait demarcated by a special UN commission. Indeed, Iraq contemptuously boycotted its meetings. This is a crucially important point, since Iraq's grab of Kuwait lay at the heart of the Gulf crisis. Yet, to this day, Iraq considers Kuwait its 19th province.

Everyone will be surprised if Saddam, in an extraordinary volte-face, decides to comply *fully* with the UN resolutions he's scoffed at so far. Such a turnabout would simply not be in character with his established behavior. Saddam is anything but a status-quo politician, and sooner or later, he will strike again.

Since the end of the Gulf War, Saddam has deliberately provoked a series of crises with the UN and the United States on the assumption that he could defy the will of the international community.

And last week's carefully calculated overture by Saddam to President Bill Clinton fits in neatly with his strategy of chipping away at UN resolutions and undermining Washington's resolve.

Saddam's short-range goal is to convince the Clinton administration to give up the no-fly zones, which he views as an affront to his leadership. In the longer run, he seeks to normalize relations with the United States and Western Europe, so that the embargo imposed on Iraq in the wake of its ill-fated invasion of Kuwait will ultimately be scrapped.

But if Clinton remains true to his most recent pronouncements, he is likely to hew to George Bush's tough policy toward Iraq. "I have no intention of normalizing relations with (Saddam)," he declared on the eve of his inaugural. And, Clinton added, "the people of Iraq would be better off if they had a different leader."

If Clinton's Iraqi policy turns out to be identical to Bush's, Saddam will likely stir up yet more trouble in the region, knowing that diplomatic and military flareups with the West may even be to his advantage.

By taking on the West, Saddam can portray himself as a patriot defending Iraq's fundamental interests and fending off Western colonial machinations. These are themes, he realizes, that strike a sympathetic chord in the Arab world and, particularly, in a police state like Iraq where the media is tightly controlled and genuine public opinion is non-existent.

By depicting himself in this heroic mould, Saddam curries favor with the long-suffering Iraqi people and ensures his survival in the viper's nest of Iraqi politics. The cat-and-mouse games he plays with the West are seen as miscalculations in Washington and London. But they seem to play well in Baghdad.

At the core of Saddam's policy is the desire to turn the clock back to the days before August 1990, when Iraq was still a formidable regional power capable of intimidating its Arab neighbors and Israel.

If Saddam can weaken the coalition which he has faced since then, he may be able to break the back of the sanctions that have devastated his economy and, what's more, reassert his rightful place in the Arab constellation of nations.

To a degree, Saddam's ploy of forcefully challenging the no-fly zones has already paid dividends. He has succeeded in persuading the Arab/Muslim world, as well as Russia and some Western European countries, that the UN resolutions must be equally applied across the board.

Influential Arab nations such as Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia, all of which belonged to the anti-Iraqi coalition, are vigorously pressing that line. As the chairman of the Palestinian delegation in the bilateral peace talks with Israel, Haidar Abdel-Shafi, put it: "Why do they punish Iraq strongly and not punish Israel? They should have one standard."

The Arabs, in particular, want Israel to comply with UN resolution 799 and repatriate some 400 Palestinians from their makeshift camp in southern Lebanon to their homes in the Gaza Strip. They were deported last December, accused of being the ringleaders of Hamas, an Islamic fundamentalist group which claimed responsibility for the murders of several Israeli soldiers, but whose chief aim is the destruction of Israel.

Turkey, a key coalition ally whose Incirlik air base has been a launching pad for American bombing raids of northern Iraq, has its own gripe. If the no-fly zones in Iraq are enforced, why is the air exclusion zone in Bosnia, with its Muslim population, not enforced?

In his bid to weaken the coalition, Saddam can finally count on one more factor that works to his benefit in Arab ruling circles — the fear of Islamic fundamentalism, as exemplified by resurgent Iran. Iraq, which fought a bloody eight-year war with Iran, has argued, quite effectively, that it is the only viable bulwark against Iranian hegemony. But if Iraq is singled out and pummelled by the West, how can it fulfil this a role? For many Arabs, this is the compelling question.

U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf crisis.

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Terrorism hurts Middle East tourism

The State of Israel can certainly sympathize with Egypt and the problems it has been having with its tourism industry.

As part of their agenda to destabilize the Egyptian government, members of Muslim fundamentalist groups have been mounting more and more attacks on foreign tourists.

In late 1992 several such attacks injured a number of European visitors to the land of the pharaohs. One British citizen was killed in October of last year as a result of fundamentalist assaults.

In early January of this year, Japanese visitors on a bus tour of temples and tombs near Luxor, were attacked by Muslim militants. Fortunately no one was injured during this recent outrage, although the bus was sprayed with bullets.

The economic results of the targeting of foreign tourists has been devastating to the Egyptian economy. Some estimates indicate that up to 60 percent of tourist reservations have been cancelled and luxury hotels in Cairo have been hard hit by the attendant publicity.

The Egyptian government has decided, wisely, to step up its monitoring and arrest of suspected Muslim militants, who have threatened to continue their attacks unless the authorities release thousands of their comrades who have been in prison for the last several months.

It is unfortunate, however, that when Israel tourists in Egypt were assaulted and killed by Muslim extremists on at least two different occasions in the past several years, the government in Cairo acted in a tepid manner in prosecuting those responsible. Now that the victims are Europeans rather than Israelis, and the monetary stakes much higher, the authorities are no longer dragging their feet.

The issue of course, is not merely tourism: the issue is terrorism initiated by representatives of an interpretation of Islam which disfigures the high reputation of that faith. The Egyptian government must work together with all governments in the Mideast — including Israel — to contain and neutralize the dangerous threat which this religious fanaticism poses for the whole area.

Israel's economy shows progress

When most of the Western world is currently reeling from the effects of a major recession, Israel, despite many problems, is experiencing a dynamic growth pattern in its GNP. In a recent issue, Canada's *Financial Post Magazine* took note of this progress in an article describing how Canadian businessmen are becoming more and more prominent in the Israeli investment sector.

One of the reasons for the vigorous business climate in Israel is the entrepreneurial skill of the country's computer specialists. *The New York Times* reported recently that Israeli manufacturers of software have increased their exports abroad almost 100 percent since 1990.

The Israeli software companies have gained international recognition especially for two products, an anti-virus program which protects against "rogue" viruses that can destroy software, and customized business programs now adopted by major banks and institutions in the United States.

The Israeli computer firms who are now on the cutting edge of software development pursue business vigorously by entering trade shows, listing themselves on at least one stock exchange and, setting up subsidiaries in California, home of the computer industry.

Realists in Israel understand that their products must be competitive, their research standards high and their selling techniques honed to perfection in order to reach the American markets. To this point European centres have proven to be more attractive because of proximity and Israel's familiarity with business practices there.

What is especially commendable on the Israeli scene is that computer software companies now employ about 12,000 engineers and many of the latter are Jews from Russia who bring needed skills in the technology sector. Many of those skills are being used in the research and development aspects of the software industry.

While the world's media focus on Israel's political problems, the country is making startling progress in vital areas of the economy.

One can only imagine what Israel could do, economically speaking, if it were freed from the constraints of political and military needs.

UKRAINE PRESIDENT VISITS ISRAEL

President Leonid Kravchuk places a prayer handwritten on a small piece of paper, into a niche in the Western Wall recently during the second day of his official visit to Israel. Kravchuk wears a hand-knitted "yamulka" on his head. [RNS photo Reuters]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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U OF T RESPONDS

While it is unfortunately true that there have been several incidents of anti-Semitic graffiti on University of Toronto property in the past couple of months, the headline "Anti-Semitism at U of T" that appeared in last week's issue is both unfounded and untrue.

There has been no indication whatsoever that the offensive graffiti or posters were the work of University of Toronto students, employees or graduates, and to suggest that the University is the source of the anti-Semitism is unfair.

The University is appalled at this racist behavior. It is especially offensive in a university community which is working hard to be a model of ethnocultural diversity and dynamism.

In all instances of this kind we take swift action to remove the offending graffiti and whenever possible to identify and prosecute those responsible. The ongoing investigation in this particular case has been turned over to Metro Police who have a special squad assigned to such incidents.

We will continue to be vigilant against future incidents. We will also pursue our long-term commitment to racial, cultural and religious diversity. Appreciation and respect for such diversity are important dimensions of the educational goals of the university.

J. Robert S. Pritchard
President
University of Toronto

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A QUICK FIX FOR ISRAEL

Re: interview with Israeli journalist Motti Golan (Jan. 7)

Golan's criticism of Diaspora Jewry is hypocritical. His main argument is that Israel will cease to exist if Diaspora Jews do not share in the burden of defending and developing the country by immigrating en masse to Israel. However, he also states that Jews from Russia, Ethiopia, and other less developed countries are a "burden" to Israeli society because they are not "advanced people like American Jews or people with money like American Jews."

Golan does not want more Jews to help defend and develop Israel. He wants an economic quick fix, a personal higher standard-of-living which he thinks can be achieved with the money Jews from North America would bring.

Does he not realize that many Jews stay in North America for precisely the same reason — that they too seek a higher standard-of-living that cannot be achieved in Israel?

Ian Lipton
Toronto

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NAME OMITTED

I wish to make a correction to the Letters to the Editor (Jan. 7) titled a Husband's Fantasy.

It concerned the disgraceful ruling of the rabbinical court of Tel Aviv to encourage a woman to have her nose fixed to please her husband.

The name of one of the distinguished signators to the letter was incorrectly written as Norma Brook. It should have read **Norma Joseph**, prominent scholar, educator, inspiration for Jewish women and activist who helped achieve legislation in the Federal Divorce Act disallowing a get to be used as a bargaining tool in civil divorce preceedings.

Marsha Levy
Montreal

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BOOK ON POLISH JEWRY

I am writing a book about Polish Jewry, and would like to be in contact with former residents of the towns of Lezajsk and Niepolomice, near Cracow and Sedziszow.

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SEEKS HER BROTHER

While staying in Kiev I have met a lady, Olena Abramovych Kondratenko (Menkes), who asked me to help her in finding her brother Victor Abramovych Menkes, originally from the town of Stoyanov, Ukraine, born in 1970.

Her address is: Ukraine, m. Kiev, vul. Umanska 31, kv. 67

Dr. Wasyl Veryha
Secretary General
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Toronto

AN OFFSHORE "KVETCH"

Poor Elaine Kahn.

As "the only columnist writing regularly from a feminist perspective in Canada's main Jewish paper," she feels someone should have told her about a Women in Media conference held in November in Ottawa. (CJN, Dec. 10)

As "the only Jewish woman journalist living in Berlin who writes regularly for Canada's main radio network, CBC" I managed to hear about the conference. And it's not because my friends and colleagues rushed to tell me about it.

I knew because I bother to spend $30 a year for a membership in the Canadian Association of Journalists (CAJ), which sponsored this and two previous women in Media conferences — and publicized them all in its newsletter.

It's entirely reasonable for Kahn to use her column space to urge readers to subscribe to *The CJN*. But her energies would have been better spent giving a boost to the CAJ, than by complaining that she and her editor did not get personal invitations to its last conference.

Sorry Elaine. This round of kvetching just doesn't cut it.

Nomi Morris
Berlin, Germany

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BRIGHT SPOT FOR ISRAEL

It is appalling to see what is happening in what was formerly Yugoslavia. The war, the ethnic cleansing or to be more truthful, genocide is unbelievable. It is sad to see how thousands of Somalians are starving to death or being killed by fellow Somalis. It is shocking to read about conflicts between the Khmer Rouge and the government forces in Cambodia, while the United Nations is trying to establish peace in this area.

Similarly, it is depressing to read about the hostilities between the Hindus and Muslims in India. It is lamentable to read about the resurgence of the ultra-right wing forces — neo-Nazis and skinheads in Germany. The world is going through a depression, and at the same time facing all kinds of tragic and pitiable situations. Yet the United Nations has time to pass resolutions condemning Israel, which to protect itself expelled 400 terrorists.

The only bright spot, if you can call it that, in the tragic situation, that appears in all parts of the world, is that world energy that would be devoted exclusively to attacking Israel has become diffused, so that the world is unable to focus only on Israel.

S. J. Hardin
Edmonton

Opinion

Chesnie was a man with uncommon empathy

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I was far away from Toronto when I heard the news: A friend had died. Outside, the rain beat on the windows, torrents of tears, so it seemed to me, shed by Heaven itself.

I remembered his last embrace; hope was still alive then, but now the Angel of Death had come and Joshua J. Chesnie had been taken to the Academy on High. He was my friend and my physician.

"A friend loves at all times," says the Book of Proverbs, and Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote — paraphrasing a rabbinic saying: "The only reward of virtue, the only way to have a friend is to be one." Josh, as we called him, was such a one.

His uncanny ability to reach out to others gave his relationships the quality of unspoken empathy, of knowing the other one.

This is what made him the outstanding doctor he was. Of course he utilized the latest techniques, he kept up with the literature of his profession, but in addition he was a true diagnostician, someone who by intuition sensed another person's malady as well as his source of wellness. He was a physican of soul and body, who saw the whole person and thereby became a healer.

Rabbi Plaut

Doctors are busy men and women who serve as many as they can with as much proficiency and care as possible. Still, Josh always had time for them, and not only for his friends.

He was an internist, and after an examination or any visit he would sit down with the patient and talk about his findings. A symphony would be heard playing in the background on his splendid stereo set, as if to underscore that life had many voices and that my doctor tried to discent how my body's instrument could play the right notes again.

He had a fine library — alas, how few libraries I see these days when I visit people's homes! In the old country, physicians were amongst the educated of the city, and without that education they commanded no respect amongst those who cared about knowledge. Josh was an educated man, loving ideas and debating them with vim and verve, but always with a tongue sheathed in softness and his voice never rising to a pitch of acrimony.

Back in 1970, when I served as chair of the United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto, Josh volunteered to head the medical division. It was the kind of thing he would do quietly, as he did in his many community endeavors, rarely seen out front, and always acting with a sense of purpose and vision.

He was an early member of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, of which his close friend Dr. Bernard Lown, American Nobel laureate, was the founder and spearhead. For years the Lowns and Chesnies would go together to enjoy the offerings of Stratford. For Josh related to the Bard and to the wit and the wisdom of his verbal foil.

Even his death was special. As if in reenacment of the Biblical model, he had his dear ones with him when he died. He spoke of his love, he smiled at them, pressed their hands and slipped into eternity.

He left a family of distinction, chief amongst them his wife Henrietta, ardent battler for many Jewish causes and a stalwart in the life of our community, who was the first women to become president of Holy Blossom Temple.

The mourners filled the synagogue to the last row, and when they left they walked out in silence. I can imagine Josh saying to them. "Thanks for coming, but don't forget that in a little while it's time to laugh again." Of course, but it is hard.

Jewish curriculum must remain relevant

By RABBI BENJAMIN HECHT

Too often we consider the study of Judaism subjectively: if you like it, do it; if not, then there is no loss. Interest is the sole motivating factor and the one who is not interested, and therefore does not study, will lack nothing of a significance or importance.

On the other hand, one can understand why a person should study medicine or how a car works, and can demonstrate what can happen for the lack of this information. The mind can be convinced of its importance.

Jewish education must be seen in this light.

There is no doubt that the study of Judaism is as intellectually challenging as any other branch of knowledge, if not more so. The giants of Torah had to be of the highest genius to master Talmud and the intricacies of Jewish thought.

The question, however, is one of relevancy. Do we see an objective importance for Jewish education? Have we considered why someone should be interested, why Jewish knowledge is absolutely relevant and necessary, regardless of how one feels in one's heart?

Jewish identity is often perceived to be substantially a matter of the heart. While strong, positive, Jewish emotion can never be discounted, this approach makes our commitment to Judaism dependent on a feeling and lacking objective thrust. This is evidenced by the fact that many easily discount failure in a Jewish subject if a student feels strongly Jewish in his or her heart.

The study of Judaism, simply, is presented as a branch of knowledge for which excuses, for ignorance or lack of effort is acceptable, for the knowledge is not really necessary. No wonder students become disinterested as we expect this highly disciplined and demanding study to compete with the joys of other hobbies or leisure time. After all, can we clearly define what a student truly, practically, loses when lacking a certain knowledge of Bible or Talmud?

The answer for Jewish education, must lie in making it not only relevant but necessary. It is time that we started to teach the mind — to overhaul the system, challenge preconceived notions; we must develop a Jewish curriculum that illustrates undeniably why this knowledge is critical.

To do so, however, we must also re-define our original commitment to our Jewishness. We must have an identity of the mind — define what we mean by the term Jewish; answer, objectively, why Jewish identity is necessary. From that seed we can then develop a program of education that maintains relevancy and necessity, clearly declared for all — especially for the young student.

We must move away from defining courses by the book of the Bible or Talmud to be studied. Rather, we must focus on subjects, be it substantive topics or skill development. Introduce courses entitled The Jewish Response to the Issues of Life (such as euthanasia or abortion) or The Mechanics of Psak (the determination of Jewish law).

Does Judaism have a unique ethical perspective?

Does Jewish commitment entail some commitment in the realm of ideas?

I am reminded of the time I opened a discussion with a group of Jewish teens on the discussion of euthanasia. One teen, a graduate of Hebrew school, was shocked that Judaism had an opinion on this matter. This teen was always led to believe that Jewishness involved the holidays or ritual but never a truly relevant ethical issue. "Didn't Jews just leave that to personal ethical perspective?"

We must move away from the parve. Too often, we choose safe subjects that will not breed controversy or offend personal attitudes. We argue, for the sake of Jewish unity, that certain matters in contention should be avoided. We distance ourselves from the controversial in fear of trespassing on the feelings or attitudes of our neighbor.

Sometimes, we simply wish to avoid certain discussions, to protect ourselves and our values from the scrutiny of the mind. A class on Jewish attitudes towards gay rights or on the use of wealth could turn the classroom into a battleground, especially as different opinions from the realm of Jewish thought are presented and the student begins to recognize that the divergence of opinion within the Jewish world is deep.

In my opinion, we must also begin to acknowledge our own weaknesses and our absolute need for the expertise of learned others. One can be a good sports fan without knowledge of the game but one cannot be a good doctor without knowledge of medicine.

Once you determine that an area of study is significant and relevant, then you must also accept the repercussions of a lack of this knowledge.

By allowing Jewish education to ultimately be irrelevant, we gained the ability to make our Judaism a product solely of our own interest and our beliefs. By declaring this knowledge relevant and necessary, however, we limit our ability to control and must accept the learned opinion of the expert.

When we choose a doctor, our decision rests in the process of that choice, but then we must trust that the doctor knows what he or she is doing. Although we do maintain the right to choose another, we do not tell the one chosen how to do the job.

Laymen must accept a similar parameter when choosing their Jewish educator, especially leaving matters of curriculum, language of instruction, goals in education, to that expert. They must see their role as choosing the expert on whom to rely.

If Jewishness is a matter of the heart, then all opinions are equally valid and the educator is simply the one who implements the collective will. If Jewishness is a matter of the mind, however, then the opinion of the one with more knowledge has greater weight.

Finally, Jewish identity itself must be an academic topic at all levels. We must attempt to define the term Jewish. Are we a nation or a religion? How are we uniquely both? What does Jewish identity demand from us? What are the benefits it delivered? Why should commitment be necessary?

We must have a system of Jewish education that makes us analyze our behavior and our existence as Jews. It must tear into us and truly make us think. That is our challenge.

Rabbi Benjamin Hecht is director of Nishma.

It seems everyone wants to outlaw something

By ELAINE KAHN

I've been sitting at my computer for two hours. I've smoked several cigarettes, drunk some scotch and picked at my nails, which are polished.

So what's been the most harmful? The chemicals from the polish, seeping into my system through the nails? The booze? The radiation from my computer screen, radiation I'd wear a lead apron against were I pregnant, but which I'm told I need no protection against since I'm not? Or the cigarettes?

Cigarettes are the easy answer, though my head says it might be the radiation. Many cancer levels are increasing in North America and I know it's not just from cigarette smoke. There are many other environmental factors, like radiation from computer screens and power lines, including the lines coming into our homes. But I try not to think about it — makes me want to smoke.

As you probably know, smoking almost anywhere in the city of Toronto is now illegal and other boroughs are sure to follow suit. I'm not going to defend smoking — I myself find smoke irritating unless it's me producing it.

But I really feel smokers are being picked on. It's not the increasing restrictions that bother me, so much as the underlying "burn the witches" cackle with which they are greeted by nonsmokers.

So let's make tobacco illegal altogether. A responible government would then, as with other addictions, pay for smokers to kick the habit, by paying for our methodone equivalent or any of the available therapies. That would cost. Many people would be thrown out of work if the tobacco industry died, organized crime would probably get into the act and governments would lose a lot of various tax revenues. But I really hate the hypocrisy that keeps all this from happening.

The smoking ban in Toronto got more press than practically anything else during the first half of this month. In *The CJN*, the fur/anti-fur debate has generated more activity than anything published here in ages.

Elaine Kahn

I think both are related — they're issues that seem whithin our control. When the news is filled with Bosnia, Somalia, Iraq again, a major oil spill, Nazism and other assorted mega-tzuris, against a backdrop of our lives in an economic situation that isn't getting any better fast, one either drowns or finds something to sink one's teeth into.

The question is whether you want to draw blood. And right now, I think everyone does.

Most people discourse today is extreme, bitter and mean. These days, I'd rather read than work actively for any cause, because I'm too conciliatory and inquisitive.

Feminism, racism, sexism — I'm a liberal on most contemporary "isms," but I'm afraid to discuss much of it, except with people I really trust. No request on the liberal interventionist side of things seems too ludicrous today — I think of Orwell a lot and remember that there's totalitarianism on both left and right.

For example, you can now buy teddy bears with taping equipment in them to be strategically placed when you leave your children with a sitter, so you'll have the evidence if anything bad happens.

And there's movement in some quarters to prevent women from wearing perfume, perfumed cosmetics or even dry-cleaned clothes in public places, because some people have allergic or even asthmatic reactions to the scents and chemicals.

And I read today that one way women would feel safer on the streets would be if men were sensitive enough to cross to the other side if they find themselves walking behind a lone woman.

And there's no point in laughing — we live in fear-filled litigious times. Malpractice insurance for babysitters, scent-free zones, separate sidewalks for men and women — unhappily, none of it sounds as meshugene as it should sound.

Anyone even moderately familiar with the development of Jewish law knows of the concept of putting fences around fences, of taking an original Biblical or Talmudic prohibition and adding more sophisticated prohibition to it to make sure the original one isn't abrogated. That's how we get from separating milk and meat in meals to separate dishes, sinks, sponges, dishtowels, counters, dishwashers, kitchens, to whatever degree you decide to take it.

But there's also "enough is enough."

"I'm finding it difficult to live in the present. I'm trying to make time to read history, because it gives me a context beyond the pettiness and soundbites of our times, and I'm connected to the future through my daughters, for the obvious reasons and because they're *Star Trek* fanatics.

The two time zones collided this month when I found myself with tears in my eyes watching the Endeavour astronauts (male and female, something I still marvel at) on TV as they spoke directly from the space shuttle to a class of U.S. grade school kids. The kids came to the microphone to ask the astronauts questions and could see clear pictures of them on the TV as they responded.

I remember standing in the hallway of my own elementary school, hearing that John Glenn had gone into space — what has come since is a miracle.

So I've been thinking about how I'd feel if one of my daughters decided to become an astronaut. I'd be scared to death. But part of me really takes to the idea, probably as a reaction to the cotton batting we're so intent on wrapping ourselves in these days.

Those of us who have that luxury. Recent radio commercials say child abuse goes up around now, during report card time. There have been casualties among those trying to deliver relief in Somalia. People died in Sarajevo over this past weekend while innocently waiting in line for water.

It's not a pretty world and nothing matters more to me than the safety of my husband and kids.

But someone invented fire while others worried about being burned.

Features

No illusions in Lviv

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

[In his continuing series on Ukraine, Sheldon Kirshner reports from Lviv]

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

Rabbi Avrum Rosenthal has no illusions. Not in Lviv (Lvov), a Western Ukrainian city where, after more than 50 years of communist repression, the Jewish community is but a shadow of its former self.

An eighth-generation Israeli and an emissary of the Karlin-Stolin rabbinic dynasty, he arrived in Lviv nearly three years ago, charged with the onerous task of helping the community get back on its feet.

"It's been very hard," acknowledged Rabbi Rosenthal, a 24-year-old ultra-Orthodox Jew whose black beard, side curls, caftan and world-weary demeanor belie his youth. "Jews here are alienated from Yiddishkeit. We're trying to do the minimum, so they know their roots. We're working to make Jews out of them — not Karlin-Stolin Jews."

The decrepit community Rabbi Rosenthal is trying to revive consists of some 8,000 Jews, the majority of whom are elderly and very much assimilated. It is a far cry from the Lviv of old, when, under Austrian and Polish suzerainty, this Galician city was a major Jewish centre in Eastern Europe.

Withal his lament that the "quality" of the community has declined and that emigration is the trend of the future, he has reason to believe that his commitment to Lviv has not been entirely in vain.

Thanks in part to philanthropic funds from two Toronto donors, whose names he prefers to keep anonymous, the community has begun to recover from the twin blows of communism and the Holocaust.

The synagogue, the sole functioning one in Lviv, has reopened. And there is a Jewish day school, as well as a Sunday school.

The Sunday school, with almost 30 pupils, is staffed by four teachers, while the day school has 80 students, from the ages of 6 to 10. There are plans to add a new grade every year and for a student exchange with Israeli schools.

Under the rabbi's supervision, a kosher butcher shop and a mikvah have opened, although the vast majority of Lviv's mainly secular Jewish population is not observant. Rabbi Rosenthal oversees a modest yeshivah, with some 15 to 20 students. His wife, Shoshana, directs a women's seminary.

Lviv's cultural and religious revival began in 1988, before Rabbi Rosenthal's arrival, with the formation of the Sholem Aleichem Jewish Society of Culture.

The goals of the society were the promotion of Jewish art, theatre, Yiddish and Hebrew, explained its first president, Alexander Lizen, a Yiddish writer who spent several years in a Soviet prison for his Zionist views.

The society publishes a monthly Jewish newspaper, *Shofar*, edited by a professional journalist, and it funds an amateur Jewish theatre, which, however, lacks its own premises. It also sponsors the Mazel Tov dance ensemble, a Maccabi sports club and a Jewish library.

The Jewish Agency of Israel and the Ukraine-Israel Association, which fosters mutual ties, support Zionist-oriented summer and winter youth camps and Hebrew language classes.

The ulpan is located in the Jewish community centre, an ugly, ramshackle, filthy and depressing building which formerly housed a synagogue. Given the fact that more than 10,000 Jews have gone on aliyah in the past few years, the ulpan obviously fulfills a vital need.

Ben-Zion Kotlik, Lizen's successor, claimed that emigration has declined, notwithstanding the horrible shape of Ukraine's economy. "Elderly and middle-aged people have no desire to leave," he said, "and children want to stay with their parents."

Kotlik's assessment is disputed by Rudolf Mirsky, a political science professor at Lviv Polytechnical University, chair of the Regional Research Centre on Jewish Problems and the president of the rival Regional Jewish Community.

"Emigration, whether to Israel or elsewhere, will continue," said Mirsky, a native of Kiev. "It's a sad, but real, truth."

He, personally, has no plans to leave. "I see my place here. I am a professor. I have status. I can be more useful to myself — and the community — in Lviv rather than in Israel or the United States."

Batya Dorfman, a teacher at the Jewish day school, concurs with Mirsky. "Not everyone will emigrate," she said, "but many will." (Her son immigrated to Israel 15 years ago, and her brother is also an Israeli citizen.)

In any event, she is pessimistic about the community's future. Jews, she mused, "feel out of place" in Ukrainian society, despite the government's best efforts to discourage emigration.

Apart from economic reasons, the visceral fear of anti-Semitism is driving Jews away. "Anti-Semitic myths die hard, especially in Ukrainian folklore," she said. "And how can Ukrainians be friendly toward Jews when some of their heroes are pogromists?"

She is still upset that the municipality recently renamed a nearby street after Stepan Bandera, a leader of the fiercely anti-Communist Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN), which was closely linked with Nazi Germany.

Sergei Kravstov, a Jewish architect employed by the Western Ukrainian Institute for the Restoration of Monuments, is satisfied with his life in Lviv.

"I have a good career and my articles have been published in international journals," explained Kravtsov, who hopes to finish his PhD in architectural history at the Moscow Institute for the Theory of Architecture and Town Planning by the end of 1993.

Neverthless, he will probably leave Ukraine.

"My children will be second-class citizens here. They will be members of a minority, and will be treated as such," said Kravstov, 37, whose wife is half-Russian and half-Ukrainian. "I want my children, as well as my wife, to be Jewish."

Kravtsov's goal is to settle in Israel with his family. "Although I am not religious, I feel Israel is my home."

Kravstov has close professional ties with Israel by virtue of his association with a Hebrew University project to preserve Ukrainian synagogues. His friends in Jerusalem have promised him a job should he emigrate. Most of his Jewish friends have already gone abroad, or are "sitting on their suitcases."

Materially, Kravstov has nothing to lose by emigrating. He and his family share his wife's mother's tiny flat, and, given the spiralling cost of housing, Kravtsov sees no hope whatever of ever owning his own home in Ukraine.

Raya Banderska, a 45-year-old Jewish music teacher and the founder of a Jewish children's club, is also looking overseas.

"It's impossible to live here," she said of the economy and her mistrust of Ukrainian nationalism. "I want a future for my son. Any other place would be better than Ukraine."

Banderska hopes to join her brother in Toronto.

According to David Nir, the Jewish Agency representative in Lviv and Western Ukraine, upwards of 200 Jews are going on aliyah every month. Those most likely to stay are professionals with good jobs unwilling to start anew, successful businessmen and mixed couples, he said.

"Many others are waiting, biding their time, since the borders are now open."

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Jews settled in Lviv in the 14th century, and played an integral role in its East-West trade.

By the late 19th century, 60,000 Jews lived in Lviv (or Lemberg, as it was then known). They comprised almost one-third of its population, and were primarily engaged in commerce and the crafts.

In 1918, when Poles and Ukrainians fought for control of Galicia, pogroms broke out in Lviv, claiming the lives of at least 70 Jews. The Poles prevailed and Lviv became part of Poland. The Red Army occupied Lviv in 1939 after Germany and the Soviet Union partitioned Poland.

During the inter-war period, Lviv was one of the most important Jewish centres in Poland, but today there is little visible evidence of that era in this generally graceful city of cobblestone streets, narrow alleys, charming courtyards, lofty church spires, heroic statues and Italianate buildings.

Skoneczna Street, one of the hubs of the Jewish quarter in pre-Holocaust Lviv, still resounds to the clatter of streetcars and the hum of traffic.

The imposing Jewish hospital has been converted into a maternity hospital.

The ancient Jewish cemetery near Spitalno Street, which was vandalized by the Nazis, was levelled by the Communist authorities in the 1950s to make room for an open air market.

When the Germans marched into Lviv in June 1941, it had a Jewish population of about 150,000. The majority of Jews, unable to escape to a safe haven in the Soviet Union, perished at the hands of the Germans and their Ukrainian collaborators. Many were killed in Belzec and the Janowska Road camp.

The Nazis destroyed Lviv's largest Reform temple, which was adjacent to a fish market. On the site today is a parkette. They also demolished one of the most venerable synagogues in Lviv, Di Gildene Roz, built in the 16th century by the Nachmanovich clan. Remnants of the foundation walls remain.

The renowned Judaica collection of Maximillian Goldstein, who was murdered by the Nazis, is in storage in Lviv's Ethnographical Museum. The collection was exhibited in Lviv in 1990 and in Kiev a year later.

Jewish ceremonial objects, ranging from Torah scrolls to Torah crowns, are on permanent exhibition in the Church of the Dominican Monastery, in Lviv's Old Town.

Two memorials commemorate the Holocaust.

The first, a simple black marble marker in the Janowska Cemetery, is in Yiddish and Russian. It was erected shortly after World War II.

The second, in a drab semi-industrial area of town, takes the form of a stylized black figure with its hands in supplication. It stands in front of a menorah. Financed by current and former Jewish residents of Lviv, the memorial was finished last August. It faces a bridge which led to the Nazi ghetto.

Mirsky, the Jewish political scientist, hopes to raise funds for a Holocaust memorial in the former Janowska concentration camp. It would be erected in 1993 — the 50th anniversary of the camp's destruction. And if possible, he wants to use that occasion to hold an international conference on Galician Jewry.

Lviv architect Sergei Kravstov hopes to live in Israel one day. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Capitalism unchained

Ukraine, a Soviet republic until the summer of 1991, is inching from communism to capitalism, and finding the transition extremely painful. So much so, in fact, that Ukraine, once known as the breadbasket of Eastern Europe, is is danger of being relegated to the status of economic basket-case.

Wages have been unable to keep pace with the soaring rate of inflation, and the standard of living has dropped precipitiously.

In a word, misery is the lot of the average Ukrainian.

Arnold Gershman, however, is rolling in newfound wealth. A burly, bespectacled, red-bearded, cherubic fellow who favors heavy sweaters, he is part of a new breed spawned by Soviet perestroika and Ukrainian independence.

He is a businessman — a word which has been incorporated into the Ukrainian and Russian vocabulary.

But Gershman, 46, is not just an ordinary businessman. He is fabulously successful one, in a nation where the mean monthly income is about $12.

If these were normal times in Ukraine, entrepreneurs like Gershman would be accorded respect. Instead, they are generally held in suspicion and hostility and branded as "speculators" and "mafia" by a struggling, jealous populace.

A former Refusenik, Gershman is president of Universal, a Kiev-based private conglomerate which controls 12 sister companies in which he holds 60 percent to 88 percent of the stock.

Universal is involved in the production of building materials, as well as in banking, insurance, metal trading, real estate and tourism. It has 6,000 employees in Ukraine and the rest of the old Soviet Union, Poland, Israel and the United States.

Gershman's headquarters are on the eleventh floor of a drab office building. His smoke-filled suite of offices are equipped with photocopiers, faxes and telephones. In an unusual touch, four Magen Davids are cut out of the ceiling.

Business is in his blood. Abraham, Gershman's father, headed the financial department of a Soviet military plant. Yudel, his grandfather, owned a big trading company. Gershman himself studied economics at the Kharkov Polytechical Institute and the International Business School in Kiev.

In 1979, when he applied for permission to immigrate to Israel, he was refused. Gershman wanted to go on aliyah not only because he considered himself a Zionist, but because of the anti-Semitism which blocked his career path. Unable to obtain employment in his chosen field of finance, he eked out a living as a night watchman and farmhand.

Gershman founded Universal five years ago, just as Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of perestroika (economic restructuring) was taking off. Beginning with a relatively modest investment, he made his first million after only six months. He ascribes his success to hard work and an ability to deal with people.

But, he hastened to add, the authorities were slow to appreciate his money-making talents. For the first two years, they harassed him. And he was accused of being a speculator feeding off the fat of the land.

Gershman is not unique. In the ex-Soviet Union, he said, there are some 150 Jewish businessmen of his calibre.

Gershman is not hopeful that Ukraine can make the leap from communism to capitalism smoothly. "The people in charge don't understand capitalism," he said derisively.

Married, with two children, Gershman is already a North American-style philanthropist. He has contributed funds for the renovation of a synagogue in Bulgaria and the restoration of Jewish cemeteries in Ukraine and Bulgaria. He gives to charities which support the poor and elderly. He set up a fund which sent Jewish and non-Jewish children from Chernobyl to France and Germany for medical treatment. He subsidizes a seminar for Jews who've expressed an interest in aliyah.

In future, Gershman plans to divide his time between Kiev and New York. He has no plans to settle in Israel. The Zionist impulses of his youth appear to have faded.

Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

In this week's sidrah we read of the dialogue that took place between Moshe Rabbeinu and Pharaoh. Finally acquiescing to the request that the Israelites be allowed to go into the desert to worship their God, Pharaoh inquires, "Who will be going?" Moshe responds, "We shall go with our youth and with our elders, with our sons and with our daughters, with our sheep and with our cattle — for to us it is a Festival to Hashem." Pharaoh retorts, "Not so. Just the important men should go, for that is what you are seeking."

In these few terse sentences the Torah exposes and sums up for us a major theological difference between the worship of Hashem by Klal Yisraeli and the worship rendered by the nations of the world to their gods. What did Pharaoh mean by saying, "for that is what you are seeking"? On the contrary, Moshe asked that the entire nation be allowed to go to serve Hashem!

Nations of the world reserve the main worship of their gods to the priests, the clergy, the most devoutly religious men, the active clerics of a mature age — not too young; not too old. Pharaoh could not imagine that Moshe truly wanted the old men, the women and the children to go along to be part of the divine service.

But the Torah espouses a completely different notion of Divine worship. Worship of God and study of His Torah are not reserved for the elite, neither are they obligations imposed only upon an elite and select few. Maimonides in Mishneh Torah (chapter one, law six) writes: "From when is a father obligated to teach his child Torah? When the child begins to talk, the father should teach him Torah tziva lonu Moshe ([Hashem through] Moshe taught us the Torah), and Shema Yisraeil, then he continues teaching him slowly the other verses until he reaches the age of six or seven depending on the intelligence of the child, and then he takes him to a teacher."

In law eight, Maimonides continues: "Every Israelite is obligated to study Torah — whether he be rich or poor, in good health or bad health, young or so old that his strength fails him; even one so poor who is supported by charity, or one who has to take care of a large family — nevertheless they are all obligated to study Torah by day and by night . . ." (law 10) "And until when must one study Torah? Until the day of death . . ."

The story is told of the woman who came to the rebbe seven months after her son was born to ask when she should start planning her child's education. He responded, "You are already seven months too late." It is told of the mother of the great tannah Rabbi Yehoshua that when she was pregnant with him she went from rabbi to rabbi to ask them to pray on her behalf that her child should grow up to be a great scholar. When she gave birth she immediately wheeled his baby carriage into the Bais Hamidrash, the house of study, so that the sounds that he would hear would be words of Torah.

Is it not amazing that the young child in Grade 1 prays from the same siddur as the most erudite and pious sage of Israel? Is it not equally as amazing that the same child studies the same words of the Chumah (the Torah) as that same sage?

We often speak today, as we have been doing for quite some time, about the generation gap. As each decade goes by, it seems that the interests of the population change. If you grew up in the 1940s, you are out dated and out of tune in so many ways to the ones who grew up in the 1950s; the 1950s to the 1960s; the 1960s to the 1970s, and so on.

But the Yiddishe connotation of a bubbie and zayde who have raised their children in a Jewish environment with Torah values; who have children who perpetuated those teachings and taught them to their children, the einiklech (grandchildren) of the bubbies and zayde — by them there is no such thing as a generation gap. Sure, there are unfortunately many observant grandparents whose grandchildren are far from Torah and mitzvah observance; and conversely many non-observant grandparents who for some merit are blessed with observant grandchildren — in those cases one may venture to say there is a definite generation gap. But the ideal? Binoreinu uvizkeineinu neileech — with our youth and with our elders we shall go to serve Hashem, and then it will truly be a chag Hashem Lanu, a Festival for us to Hashem. May that great day speedily come upon us when as the prophet proclaims, "And He will turn the hearts of the fathers towards their children and the hearts of the children towards their fathers." May grandparents and parents go hand in hand with their sons and daughters ever strengthening their worship of Hashem and their study and observance of our holy Torah and the mitzvahs. Amein. Kein yehi rotzon — May it so be His will!

(Rabbi Aaron Levine is a Toronto educator, lecturer and author.)

Sextuplet trio head to Israel

JOHANNESBURG (JTA) — Three of the world's first surviving set of sextuplets are bound for Israel to work and study on a kibbutz ulpan.

The six Rosenkowitzes, whose birth on Jan. 11, 1974 was an international media event and whose lives have remained an object of worldwide curiosity, all graduated last month from the Herzliya Jewish Day School in Cape Town.

Emma and Elizabeth, both talented artists, and the third sister, Nicky, are to leave shortly for Israel on a program arranged with the help of the South African Zionist Federation.

The three girls, along with their brothers Jason, David and Grant, have all been instilled with Zionist ideals and have been provided with an intense Jewish education, said their father, Colin Rosenkowitz.

The father promised at the time of their birth that he would make Zionists out of all of them.

Colin Rosenkowitz also said that the sextuplets' successful graduation from high school was "the biggest triumph of their lives. It would have been traumatic if one or more of them hadn't made it."

While the sisters go off to Israel, the three boys will remain in Cape Town to continue their education.

The family has decided to take the money it has made selling the media stories about their graduation and donate the proceeds to their high school.

The Rosenkowitzes, members of the Constantia Hebrew Congregation, are active in the Jewish community.

The sextuplets attended a Jewish kindergarten and Herzliya Junior School before going to Herzliya High School.

In spite of worldwide media attention on all aspects of their private lives, including the boys' brit milahs and bar mitzvahs, the sextuplets have remained unspoiled and popular with their peers.

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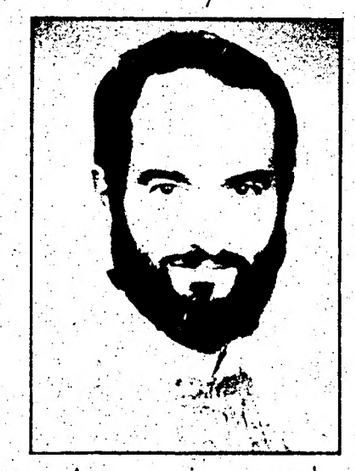

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Organizations and People

Temple, mosque issue plea for Bosnia Muslims

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A Markham mosque and a Reform temple are planning to send a joint letter to the United Nations and Canada's Department of External Affairs calling for action to save the Muslim people of Bosnia-Herzegovina, a meeting at the Holy Blossom Temple was told.

The Jaffari Islamic Centre in Markham and its neighbor, Temple Har Zion, are co-operating in the joint venture, said Dr. Liyakatali Takim of the Islamic Centre.

"When the West wants to flex its muscles in Iraq and Somalia, it can do so," he said. "For the sake of the people" the West should do something in Bosnia-Herzegovina, he added.

Rabbi Michael Stroh of Temple Har Zion later told *The CJN* that two letters will be sent in a single envelope to indicate the mosque and synagogue co-operated in the venture. The letters will ask for an end to the slaughter and the policy of ethnic cleansing, and, failing a diplomatic solution, they will ask the United Nations to intervene militarily, Rabbi Stroh said.

Meanwhile, a small group of recently arrived Sarajevo Jews discussed the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina with members of the Holy Blossom Temple recently.

The Muslim leadership of Bosnia shares some measure of blame for the political breakdown that led to the current conflict, said Mair Musafija, a native of Sarajevo.

The Muslim leadership tried to play off the contending factions of the former Yugoslavia, and it failed to find a way to keep Bosnia at peace, he said.

Musafija told the meeting that the Muslim leadership received some offers from Serb leader Slobodan Milosevic that would have kept Bosnia part of Yugoslavia, even after Slovenia and Croatia departed.

As a result of their failed bid at power politics, and because the assistance they expected from their Croat ally did not materialize, the Muslims now control only 10 percent of Bosnia-Herzegovina, added Thomas Meininger, associate professor of history at York University.

Bosnia is gone, the professor said.

Musafija said that with the breakdown in 1992 of talks to determine a new arrangement for Bosnia-Herzegovina, the area reverted to a condition much like World War II, but with Muslims now "disappearing."

The Muslims are disappointed that they are not receiving assistance from their World War II ally, the Croats, who are now promoting their own agenda, Musafija said.

Mladen Ovadija, another recently arrived refugee from Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, said that Yugoslavia is suffering from the many religious and political schisms that have plagued its history. He held out little hope for a resolution to the conflict.

Meininger recounted some of the region's history, noting that Bosnia-Herzegovina has always been a zone of conflict between East and West. The indigenous Slavs became Muslims during 500 years of Ottoman control.

During Ottoman times, "Christians, Muslims and Jews lived cheek by jowl in general harmony," Meininger said. Jews found a secure haven in Ottoman lands since Islam tolerated "the people of the book."

A struggle for national liberation arose among Serbs in the 19th century and carried over to the 20th century. Following World War I and the collapse of the Ottoman Empire, Bosnia became part of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, which was dominated by a strong central government under the control of Serbs.

During World War II, fascist Croatia attempted to obtain control of the region.

Though Yugoslav strongman Josip Broz Tito kept a lid on nationalist conflicts in the post-war period, Serb nationalism percolated under the surface. The recent conflict was sparked by a crackdown in the Kosovo area, considered by Serbs the cradle of their civilization, the professor added.

Musafija noted that the Sarajevo Jewish community did not take an official position on the conflict. Jews as individuals generally favored the continuation of the Yugoslav state over nationalist separatism, while the organized community remained politically neutral, he said.

Holocaust education urged

TORONTO —

Holocaust education courses are needed to help end anti-Semitic attacks in the former East Germany, the German consul was told recently.

Heading a delegation from the CJC's world Jewry and international affairs committee, Gerda Frieberg, a Holocaust survivor, pointed out to consul-general Roland Fournes that communist East Germany essentially has not dealt with the Holocaust.

Co-chair Joyce Eklove said that she feels the education system in the former East Germany needs to be reorganized, "but one can not afford to wait for a generation until the curriculum is revamped."

Discussing the recent racist violence in Germany, Co-chair Ruth Zaionz said neo-Nazis in Canada to some degree take their cue from what is happening there. She told the consul that Congress was "heartened by the overwhelming response of public protest in Germany against the perpetrators of the racist acts. It provided a positive example for us in Canada."

Following the meeting, Eklove said the committee's concerns were well-received by the consul general and Vice-Consul Hans Christoph von Beschwitz.

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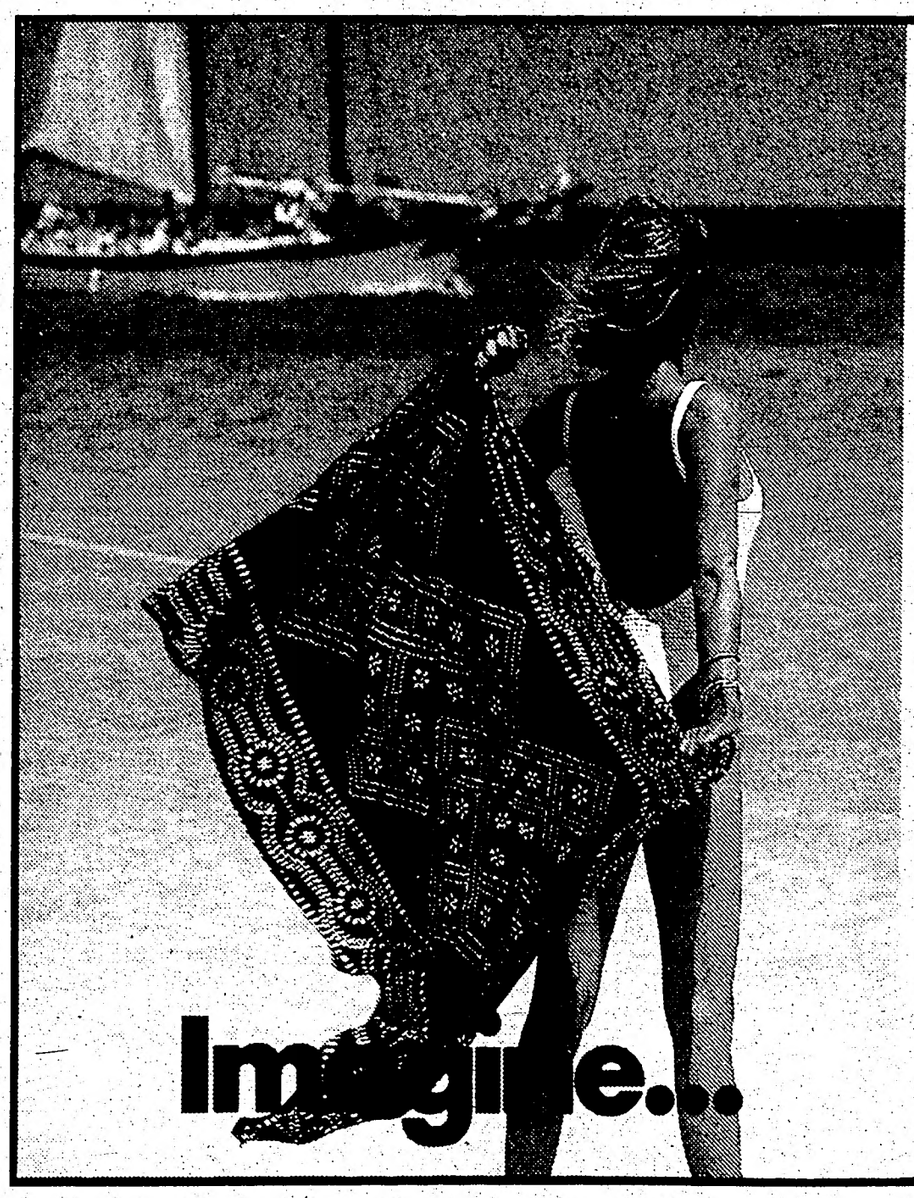

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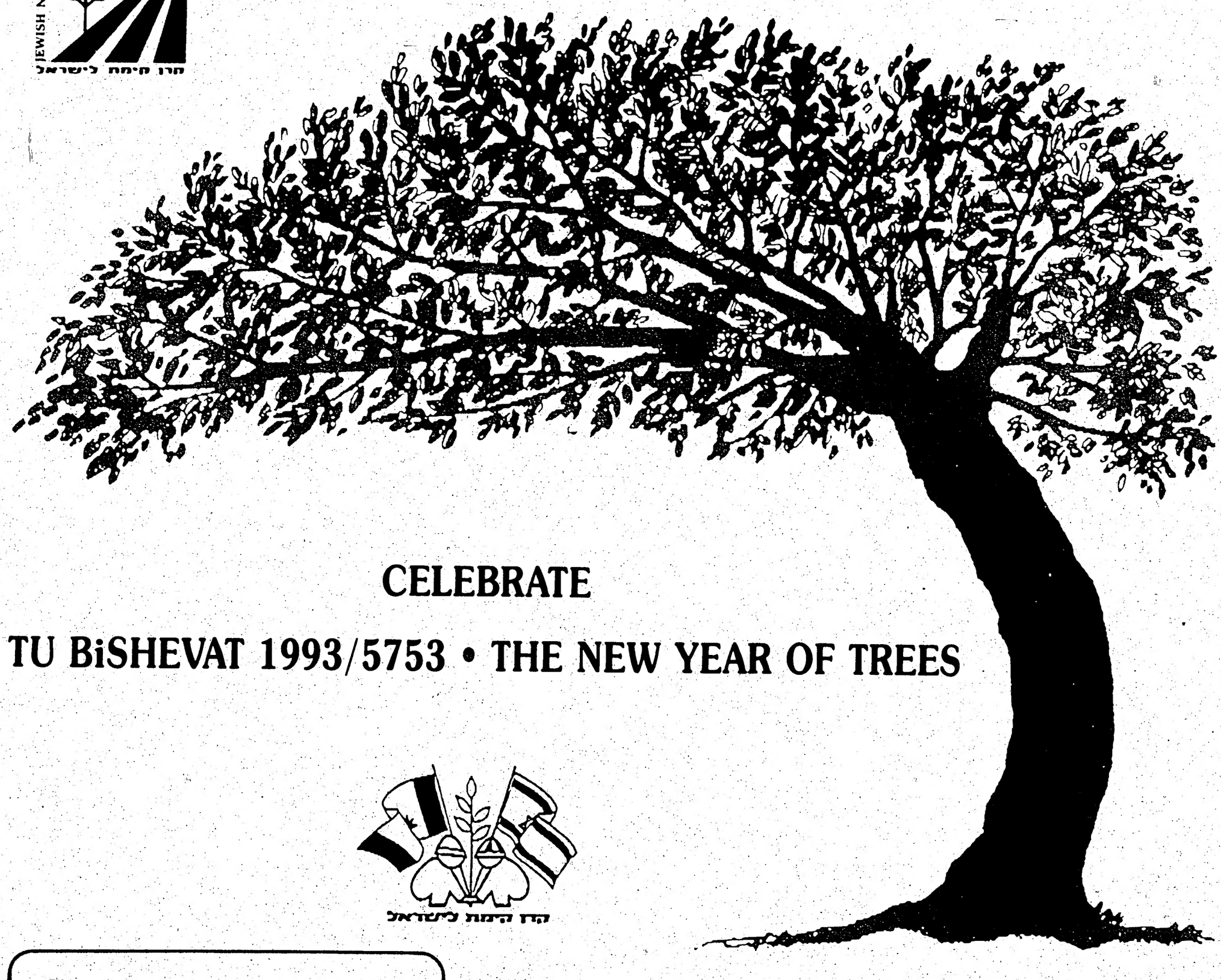

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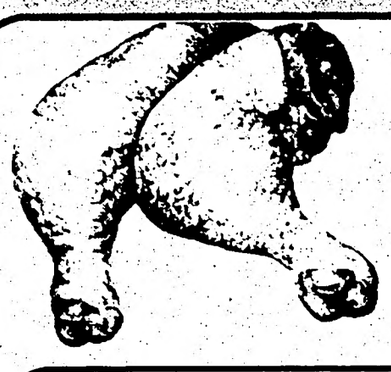

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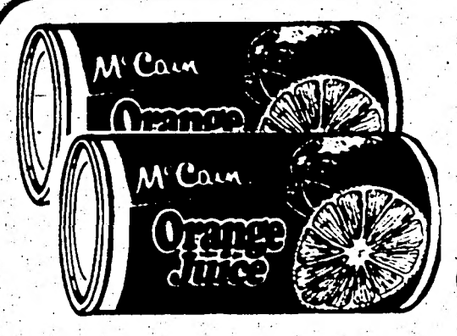

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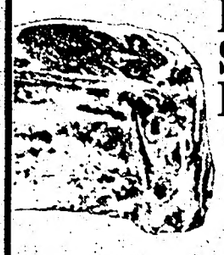

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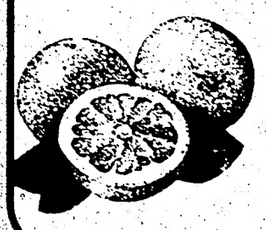

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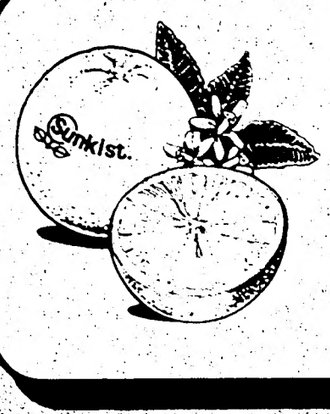

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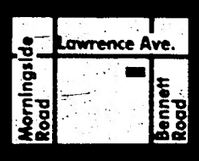

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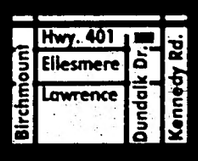

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Organizations and People

Peres to address CIC dinner

OTTAWA —

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres will address a gala dinner sponsored by the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) this March.

The dinner is part of the fifteenth CIC Policy Conference taking place here March 29 and 30. Two days of plenary sessions will look at Middle East policy statements from the federal government and opposition parties as well as Israel-American relations under the Clinton administration. Other events include a cocktail reception for John Fraser, speaker of the House of Commons.

Daniel Pekarsky, CIC national chair, called upon members of the Jewish community to show their support for Israel by participating in the conference.

"In this election year, it is particularly important for the Jewish community to hear first hand each party's position with respect to Israel and the Middle East, and it is absolutely vital that we demonstrate our concern through the strength of our numbers," Pekarsky said.

"A room filled with 2000 plus pro-Israel supporters makes a tremendous impact," he pointed out.

Pekarsky announced the appointment of Ottawa lawyer Stephen Victor as chair of the conference's co-ordinating committee. Victor has struck a national participation committee chaired by Sunny Tavel and a fundraising committee chaired by Morris Schachnow.

The event is open to all members of the Canadian Jewish community. Registration forms are being printed in *The Canadian Jewish News* and other community newspapers.

For more information, contact Robert Ritter, national executive director, Canada-Israel Committee, 130 Slater St., Ottawa, Ont. K1P 6E2, (613) 234-8271, fax (613) 563-9379.

Rabbinic responsa cited against spousal, child abuse

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Contrary to popular opinion, Jewish families are no different from non-Jewish families when it comes to spouse and child abuse. Although statistics on abuse within the Jewish community have only recently come to light, "these same issues have challenged Jewish families for centuries," said Rabbi Julie Spitzer, who wrote her master's thesis in the mid-1980s on Spousal Abuse in Rabbinic and Contemporary Judaism.

Rabbi Spitzer, director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations' Mid-Atlantic Council based in Washington, D.C., was keynote speaker at the opening program in a week of text study dealing with Relationships and Sexuality, sponsored by Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning.

Traditional Jewish texts offer "a variety of opinions on the subject of behavior to one's wife," said Rabbi Spitzer. Despite some apparently conflicting rabbinic opinions, Rabbi Spitzer said she was "surprised by the level of understanding of at least some of these venerable authorities."

A responsum of particular interest to Rabbi Spitzer was written by Talmudic scholar Meir of Rothenburg (the Maharam) in 13th-century Germany. The responsum deals with the situation of a man who refuses to promise to stop beating his wife.

"One deserves greater punishment for striking his wife than for striking another person, for he is enjoined to respect her," answered the Maharam. In such cases, "we should hasten to excommunicate him," he urged. Excommunication, or isolation from the Jewish community, was "a very harsh decree" in 13th-century Germany, noted Rabbi Spitzer.

Quoting another authority, the Maharam's responsum cited the consequences of constant quarreling: a husband who constantly quarrels with his wife must remove the causes of such quarrels if possible, or divorce her and pay her the ketubah (alimony agreed to in the marriage contract). "How much more must a husband be punished who actually beats his wife?"

Contemporary insight gleaned

A contemporary insight gleaned from this responsum, said Rabbi Spitzer, is that apologies alone are not enough. Further action is needed.

A greater response is also needed from the Jewish community, said Rabbi Spitzer, although she noted that strides have been made in the past decade. "We have a lot of work to do," she said, citing education at a young age regarding dating behavior and even how youngsters play together. "We need to do a better job at an earlier age of educating our young people."

Child abuse, which can be physical, sexual or verbal, is dealt with in a number of texts, said the rabbi. The biblical injunction to "spare the rod and spoil the child" is subject to interpretation, she noted. The rod can be explained as an agricultural staff rather than a stick for beating, leading to a new interpretation that parents not withhold sustenance from a child.

Incest is considered in Jewish tradition to be one of three prohibitions stronger than the command to save one's own life, said Rabbi Spitzer.

Verbal abuse, or oppression by means of words, was considered in the Talmud more serious than financial deception. Money can be returned, but loss of self-esteem is almost impossible to replace, said Rabbi Spitzer.

It is the obligation of the Jewish community to respond to the problem of abuse among its members, contended Rabbi Spitzer. Often survivors of childhood abuse are deeply estranged from Judaism, she said. "What do we do when the primary source of Jewishness in their home was also their abuser? It is amazing how well victims and abusers alike could make everything seem so normal," she said. "I suspect that more of you than not would know of someone for whom the family is not a haven."

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Organizations and People

Temple Emanu-El educator elected to Reform body

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —
Marlene Myerson recently became the first Canadian-born female vice-president of the National Association of Temple Educators (NATE), at the association's annual conference held in Long Beach, Cal.

The association's 800-plus members are Reform Jewish educators from England, Israel, Australia, South Africa, the United States and Canada.

Myerson, director of education at Temple Emanu-El, has three grown daughters and "a very supportive husband." She took on the position at Temple Emanu-El 12 years ago, ostensibly on a one-year basis. By the end of the year, the former junior high school teacher realized she was passionate about her work (she still is) and had found her niche.

One of Myerson's innovations at the temple's three-day-a-week school was the introduction of a series of mitzvah cards for pre-bar and bat mitzvah students. Each student is responsible for choosing and completing 13 of the mitzvot outlined on the cards. Parents must sign the cards as each mitzvah is completed. "Every Sunday we have kids streaming into the office with signed cards," says Myerson happily.

Myerson has also been responsible for developing the school's Grade 10 Israel trip from a two-week spring break program to a six-week summer experience, in which virtually all graduating students participate.

Two years ago, students returning from the Israel trip petitioned Myerson to continue their Jewish education at the temple, Myerson told *The CJN*. Those students continue to study in a Grade 12 class at the school.

Marlene Myerson

At the NATE conference, Myerson and fellow Toronto educators Karen Goodis, Roberta Goodman, Ira Schweitzer and Robert Tornberg were presented with the annual Emanuel Gamoran Curriculum Award. The award was given in recognition of the curriculum they designed entitled A Teacher Training Program for Teachers in Reform Religious Schools. The program was funded in part by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto through the Board of Jewish Education. The program ran for two years until funding was no longer available, said Myerson.

American-born Schweitzer, who is director of education at Temple Sinai Congregation, was also installed as a vice-president of NATE. Karen Goodis, director of education at Temple Har Zion, was installed as a board member, and Robert Tornberg, American-born director of education at Holy Blossom Temple and a past president of NATE, was re-installed as a board member.

JF&CS marking 125 years

TORONTO —
This year, Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS) celebrates 125 years of service to the Jewish community of greater metropolitan Toronto. To share the agency's pride and enthusiasm, a number of special events have been planned.

To start the year long celebration in May, JF&CS will be distributing a special anniversary publication through *The Canadian Jewish News*.

Produced to be a keepsake, the journal will chronicle the past, present and future of the agency. Also included in the publication will be a directory of JF&CS's services.

Past presidents and lay leadership will be honored at the 125th annual meeting to be held May 12 at Beth Emeth Synagogue.

May 30 marks the date for the JF&CS Family Picnic to be held at Pioneer Village. A full day of activities for family and guests have been planned.

For further details, contact Florence Weinberger at 638-7800.

Halifax remembers black leader

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX —
Love pervaded the youth lounge of the Beth Israel Synagogue Jan. 15 as more than 60 clergy and community leaders of all faiths gathered to remember the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

His spirit was certainly in the room as his words were echoed again and again by black and white, Jew, Buddhist and Christian, who spoke warmly and with awe about the man who never reached his 40th birthday but had the impact of someone twice his years.

The standard King lines were quoted, "I have a dream!" "You are somebody!" "We will be free one day!"

But there was more to this fellowship breakfast, co-sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council and the Anti-Racism and Human Rights Network, than just King's words.

There was a feeling of understanding and respect, an outpouring of emotion by guest speakers that wove through the audience and, at the event's conclusion, brought Jews and gentile, black and white, to a higher point of mutual understanding.

"Martin Luther King dreamed of having a beloved community. We have assembled that today and we're working to fulfill his dream," said Rev. Darrell Gray, national co-chair of the Canadian Anti-Racism and Human Rights Network.

Gray urged the audience to understand King's dream of one day seeing his four children "not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Rabbi Oren Ismailoff of the Beth Israel Synagogue said 'We realize the process is slow but each year, we must re-dedicate ourselves to King's message."

He called for community leaders to convince younger people to commit to the message of love and understanding.

"We have to teach children at a young age what is right and wrong. Too many problems are not realized until it is too late."

Moh Mardin, director of the Buddhist Church in Halifax, stressed the importance of transforming aggression into non-aggression. "If you try to get rid of all your enemies, you'll never do it. If you get rid of all the aggression within yourself, you get rid of all your enemies," he said.

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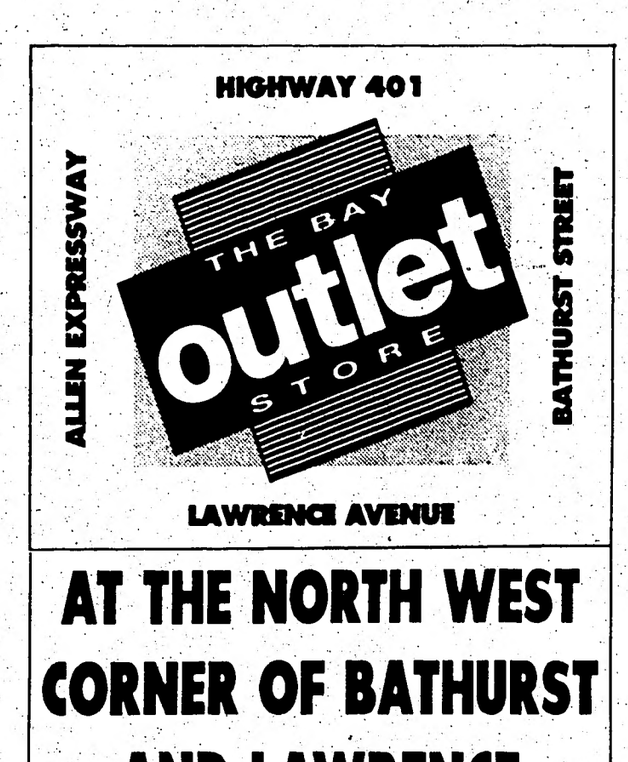

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Organizations and People

Germany's economic problems blamed for rise in violence

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Germany today — the Fourth Reich? No, says York University German professor Mark Webber who spoke on that topic recently as part of the university's Jewish Student Federation's lunchtime Food & Thought series.

Webber's talk was sobering. "Those who are perceptibly different in terms of skin color, language or mode of dress are vulnerable [to neo-Nazi violence in Germany], especially when concentrated in identifiable locations such as refugee hostels or certain neighborhoods," he said. Recently, physically handicapped Germans have begun to fear for their safety, he said.

Neo-Nazi violence in 1992 included at least 16 fatalities and the firebombing of private residences. No Jews died, although Jews were the targets of 26 percent of the 56 violent acts chronicled by a German magazine for a recent five-week period.

Webber, who is program officer for the Ontario/Baden-Wuerttemberg student exchange program, visited Germany in November. He witnessed a growing response to neo-Nazism, including a Kristallnacht anniversary march in Berlin, organized by the German federal president. Hundreds of thousands of people marched in a number of German cities, he said.

Webber, who is Jewish, also attended a public outdoor Maariv service in Heidelberg at which over 200 names of Jewish citizens who had been deported during World War II were read.

Webber stressed the importance of distinguishing between Germans and Nazis. Not all Germans are or were Nazis, he said, and vice versa.

Part of the current problem stems from the unforeseen high cost of German unification, which has resulted in a high unemployment rate, resentment and dissatisfaction, said Webber. The large number of people seeking political asylum (500,000 every year) "tends to break down the facade of a liberal Germany," he added. "There is a lot of stress on German society."

An intellectual right wing exists in Germany today that was not possible 20 years ago when "the shadow of the Holocaust fell too sharply on German society," said Webber. Right wingers include those who want to act within the government system, he added.

"There are probably only 4,000 or so real neo-Nazis running around [Germany]," said Webber. Another 10,000 or so are not politically interested, but are disaffected and violent, he said. They are predominantly male, unconnected with and fed up with the system.

Another group that concerns Webber are sympathizers "who probably don't have the guts to go out on the street and throw Molotov cocktails, but wouldn't stop it if it happened."

On the brighter side, German society is well set up to deal with national socialism, Webber said. The government has an office for protection of the constitution and a political party, for example, can be banned if its goals are inconsistent with Germany's, he said.

Problems in dealing with violence include the youth of the perpetrators, making the groups difficult to infiltrate, Webber said.

"My prognosis is that as the economy continues to decline, things will get worse," Webber said, "but there will be more steps taken to counter the threat of violence.

"I don't believe we're on the verge of the Fourth Reich, but I believe this is the most severe test of German democracy. I believe it can only succeed if people are not afraid to stand up and be counted. We need to express support for those hundreds of thousands of people who have the guts to stop it."

Heritage Front members barred from entering anti-racism rally

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

About 20 members of the white supremacist Heritage Front were barred by police from entering Riverdale Collegiate during an anti-racism rally last week, but observers believe they got exactly what they came for.

"I think they came for the publicity," said Robert Funk, head of research and communication for B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights. "Publicity feeds them and makes them thrive. After they got [it], they turned around and left."

The Heritage Front, led by Director Wolfgang Droege, was confronted outside the East End school by anti-racist organizers, including Rodney Bobiwash of the Native Canadian Centre, and by students shouting "Smash the Nazi scum."

Inside, about 300 people heard keynote speaker Martin Theriault of the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice describe latent racism in Toronto. He called on students and neighborhood groups to fight racists and racism.

David Satok, chair of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, said the rally organizers are to be "highly commended for taking a stand against racism. It's good to see it being done by other than establishment groups."

The event was organized by local residents, high school students, school principals, trustees and local organizations like the South Riverdale Community Health Centre and East Toronto Organizing Against Racism and Hate.

The rally at Riverdale Collegiate culminated marches originating at four area schools: Danforth Technical, Eastdale Collegiate Institute, Duke of Connaught Junior School and Roden Junior School.

God a key part of human history

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

The basis of Judaism is not the one given by Hillel to the mocking gentile; "what is hateful to you do not do to others."

Rather, Rabbi David Weiss Halivni told an audience gathered at Beth Tikvah Congregation for the Sally and Morris Justein Endowment Lecture, he would have injoined him "place God before you permanently: always act as if He is right beside you."

Rabbi Halivni, a world renowned Talmud scholar, is spiritual leader of the Institute of Traditional Judaism and assistant professor of Talmud and classical rabbinics at Columbia University in New York.

There are three unchangable beliefs which are central to all religions, but especially to Judaism, he said.

There exists a being transcendent to man, towards which man strives. That being will aways be greater than us, and will always exist as a want within ourselves. That being, he said, tradition calls God.

That transcendent God, Rabbi Halivni went on, broke into human history and made contact, at the moment of revelation at Mt. Sinai.

The legacy of that encounter, he concluded, is the Torah.

As well, he said, that transcendent being cares about man and his actions, and will act or withdraw action in accordance with man's behavior.

Judaism, he said, believes that the only way to get closer to God is to duplicate that encounter at Sinai by means of mitzvot, His commandments.

Since we find in rabbinic literature what seems to be changes in mitzvot and laws, it may appear, he said, that if the rabbis found something they considered immoral, they changed the law.

And, since they could change things, then we can do the same, in accordance with changing mores, opinions or times.

This is not the case, the rabbi said, noting that that attitude would imply that all the sages before our time, as well as God Himself, were immoral.

Rather, he explained, the sages mistrusted human justice. "They knew the weakness, the inferiority, the finiteness of man."

One example of this, he explained, is the matter of capital punishment, which the rabbis virtually legislated out of tradition, not by saying capital punishment is wrong, but by hedging the requirements for carrying it out with so many complications that a court which executed one person in 70 years was considered murderous.

Rather than trying to change the halachah, he said, the rabbis felt they had the obligation to find a way around a problem by, for instance, saying that the situation they were dealing with was different in some way.

Before the Reform movement, Rabbi Halivni said, no rabbi would have declared a law inoperative — there were built-in ways of dealing with a problem.

"You can't have a committee deciding what to believe or not to believe. That is tantemount to denying revelation. You are not only saying a particular law is immoral, you are saying the giver of the law is immoral. And that's inadmissable."

All these qualifications, he noted, are not referring to minhagim, customs, such as not eating rice on Passover.

During a lively question period, Rabbi Halivni said that if the struggle to change the position of women in Jewish ritual life had remained within the religious sphere, the question would have been dealt with already.

"When it became a question of modernity versus Judaism, that's avoda zarah, idolotry. Any time you place Judaism in an inferior position, that's idolotry.

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Jewish Community Centre has something for everyone

By RANDI DRUZIN

There's more to the Jewish Community Centre than squash and a nosh.

Through the JCC, you can study theatre, dance, music, visual arts or issues of interest to members of the Jewish community.

Throwing pottery at the Koffler Gallery School of Visual Arts.

Institute for Jewish Learning

Rabbis, professors and other notable figures teach courses on subjects as diverse as Jewish philosophy, Jewish biomedical ethics, Jewish music and aspects of Jewish art.

Classes are held one night a week for four to 10 weeks (though most courses are four weeks), sometime between January and June. Though most classes are held at the North Y (4588 Bathurst St.), others are held at the Bloor Y, the Valley branch and at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue on Glencairn Avenue.

Seven hundred students enrolled in courses at the Institute for Jewish Learning last year and, on average, rated their courses 4.7 out of five.

"We've had tremendous interest in our programs," says director Mark Charendoff. "In fact, we've had to turn people away." Instructors and potential instructors are also extremely interested in teaching at the Institute, he says, because "there are no ideological restraints on course material like there are at most syngogues and universities. It's very challenging for scholars," he says.

Leah Posluns Theatre School

The school offers courses to thespians of all ages. Creative Drama I, helps children ages 7-13 develop creativity, imagination and communication skills through participation in theatre exercises, story theatre, mime, music and improvisation. Classes meet once a week for an hour and a half. The course is 20 weeks.

Creative Drama II is a more intensive course for students ages 11-13 who have previous creative drama training.

Teens can gain a basic understanding of acting, develop acting skills, imagination and concentration through theatre exercises, improvisation voice and movement in the Novice Acting course. Classes meet for two hours once a week. The course is 20 weeks.

Advanced Acting classes are also offered for juniors, teens and young adults who are serious about acting, and who have experience or training. The school, in co-operation with Seneca College, offers six adult courses in various aspects of theatre as part of the Theatrical Performance Certificate Program.

Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art

The school offers students of all levels and ages a broad range of courses. Children ages 6-11 can work with batik, sculpture, painting, collage and printmaking in a Mixed Media for Children course. Children's Ceramics is also available for children ages 6-11.

Adults, too, can study ceramics in courses such as Potters's Wheel and Handbuilding for Beginners & Intermediate Glaze Application, Handbuilding 1 & 2, Potter's Wheel I, and Raku, a course that is an exploration of the Japanese method of firing clay.

The school also offers courses such as Drawing, Painting and Drawing, Cartooning, Watercolor, Drawing and Painting for Teens and two Life Drawing courses, in which artists of all levels paint or draw a model.

Stone Sculpture is also very popular, says school director Rose Brinder, partially because JCC studios have sophisticated equipment such as air dry-on tools and a dust extraction system. Courses in this area include Stone Sculpture I for beginners and Stone Sculpture 3 & 4 for all levels.

Most courses offered by the Koffler School of Visual Art meet once a week for nine to 12 weeks, beginning in January.

All courses are taught by qualified professionals, including many artists who have displayed their work at art exhibits.

Koffler Centre School of Dance

The school, which is registered as a private school with the Ministry of Education for the province of Ontario, offers both recreational programs of general interest, and intensive training for dedicated students seeking to establish careers in dance.

Children's Dance for Children ages 4-8 explores movement and music creativity and Primary Ballet, Jazz, Tap and Creative Dance is for children 6-8 years of age. Both classes meet once a week and start the first week in February.

Young people ages 9-12 can take a Jazz class, which includes lessons in hip hop and funk or the course Ballet Basics. Classes meet once a week and start the last week in January.

Teens between 13 and 19 can learn funk, house, techno, hip hop and other dances in the course. All That Dance, scheduled for ten Sundays starting the last week in January. Also available to dance enthusiasts in this age group is Tap 'N' Jazz and Ballet Basics. Classes meet once a week for 15 weeks beginning the last week of January.

Adults are encouraged to join courses such as Ballet Basics, Tap Basics, Jazz Basics, Ballroom Basics or Ballroom-Beyond Basics. These courses are between ten and 15 sessions in length, and start in January. Classes meet once a week.

School of Music

The school offers students private instruction in instruments such as piano, violin, classical guitar, flute, recorder and trumpet. All private lesson times are arranged directly with the individual teachers.

Private instrumental students are also required to take one of the school's theory courses, and recitals are held at the end of the second semester. Semester I starts in September, semester 2 starts in December and the thrid semester starts mid-March.

Also available at the school is Suzuki Violin and Guitar. The Suzuki Method helps very young children develop their musical talents with the active support of their parents and instructors. Suzuki classes are held for one semester only.

DEBATING CONTEST

The Reform Educators' Council of Toronto recently sponsored a Debating Contest for Grade 8 students. Students from Leo Baeck Daay School, Temple Sinai, Temple Har Zion and Temple Emanu-El debated the topic Peace in the Middle East Can Only Take Place If The Occupied Territories Are Returned To The Palestinians. The winners of the 1992-93 Grade 8 Debating Contest were the Temple Emanu-El team. From left: Jennifer Kluger, Laura Goldfarb, Alison Bresver, Jon Steinman and the Temple Emanu-El director of education, Marlene Myerson.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Jan. 28 is deadline for Feb. 11 issue and Thursday, Feb. 4 is deadline for Feb. 18 issue). I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Sunday Jan. 31

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Canadian Zionist Federation invites you to attend the second annual Ontario Public Speaking Competition zeroing in on topics relating to current events in Israel. First semi-final (ages 19-22) is 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31 at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. The competition continues through February and March. To inquire further, contact the Canadian Zionist Federation, 3910 Bathurst St., phone 633-3988.

G.R.A.N.D. SOCIETY

G.R.A.N.D. Society (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) holds its first meeting for 1993 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31 at 16 Spadina Rd. Cost, $3 non-members. For more information, call 469-5471.

MARKHAM STREET SHUL

Judaism Speaks to Contemporary Issues, a series with **Rabbi Benjamen Hecht,** director of Nishma, at 8 p.m. the last Sunday of each month in The Markham Street Shul, 197 Markham St., considers Abortion and Euthanasia - The Fuzzy Issue of Life, Jan. 31.

HOLY BLOSSOM BREAKFAST CLUB

Judaism, Culture or Law, will be the question, when **Rabbi Irvin Brandwein,** from Beth Sholom Congregation, addresses a meeting of Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club, Sunday, Jan. 31. Service, 9 a.m. Breakfast follows.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Rabbi Irwin Witty director, Board of Jewish Education Toronto, examines The Myseh as a Vehicle of Jewish Communication, at Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club, Sunday, Jan. 31. Services 9 a.m. Breakfast follows.

OHR SOMAYACH/JEP

Ohr Somayach/JEP: Thornhill announces a major lecture entitled, "Help!! My Spouse is Becoming Religious!?!" The lecture will be given by Rabbi Mordechai Becher and Rabbi Avram Rothman of Ohr Somayach. Rabbi Rothman explains that many couples have come to him to discuss the situation of one of them becoming religious, while the other is either not interested or on a slower track.

The lecture will be held on Sunday, January 31, 8 p.m. at the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. There is no admission charge. For further information, contact Ohr Somayach/Thornhill at 886-5730.

Monday, Feb. 1

EXODUS OUT OF JUDAISM

Association for Jewish Continuity invites the public to an open forum and dialogue with the audience on the theme, The New Exodus Out of Judaism - What Can We Do? What Should We Do? with **Aaron Brotman,** chair, Jewish Continuity, Assimilation and Intermarriage Task Force; **Leo David,** associate professor of Sociology, York University; Susan Jackson, director, community services and youth activities, Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region. Moderator will be **Dr. Edmond Y. Lipsitz,** former associate executive director, Toronto Jewish Congress. Time is 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1 in the Barbara Frum Library auditorium, 20 Covington Rd. (Lawrence and Bathurst). Admission free. Volunteer donations appreciated.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Sovereignity in Jewish Life, a joint winter study program featuring **Dr. Arnold Ages,** sponsored by the continuing education committees of Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, commences 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1 at Adath Israel, 37 Southbourne Ave.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH

At Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill, **Rabbi Yosef Gansburg's** class Unearthing the World of the Bible, continues with Giving It All You've Got, 7:45-8:35 p.m., Monday, Feb. 1. **Rabbi Mendel Bernstein** continues his Soul Trek course with Elements of Creation and Beyond, 8:50-9:40 p.m. For information, call 731-7000.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

TUESDAY LEARNING SERIES

Tuesday Learning Series at The Markham Street Shul continues with a choice of topics from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Next discussion is Feb. 2. Admission free. For more information call 533-0007.

LA FRATERNITE, B'NAI BRITH

B'nai Brith Lodge La Fraternite, will hold its monthly meeting 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 15 Hove St. Topic, to be debated in French, is L'Emancipaton des Juifs en France en 1791.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will focus on the Book of Kings I, Chapter XIII, with **Rabbi Irwin Witty,** at 8:15 Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

PARENTS OF ASTHMATIC CHILDREN

Psychologist **Monica Gemeinhardt,** asmtha unit, Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre, details Helping Children Cope with their Asthma, at a meeting sponsored by Parents of Asthmatic Children, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 at the centre, 350 Rumsey Rd., Room 1-106 (Bayview/Eglinton area). New members welcome. For further information, call **Elaine Rose,** 881-8416 or **Joan Naert,** 292-6335.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

SPANISH JEWRY SERIES

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Continuing Education committee presents a lecture series on Spanish Jewry - Part V with **Rabbi Barry Schneider,** 8 p.m. Wednesdays. First lecture, Feb. 3, explores The Twilight of the Golden Age of Spanish Jewry - Moslem Spain.

HILLEL CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

Toronto Sun journalist **Bill Dunphy** describes the results of his investigative research into Nazis who are active in Canada, at an adult discussion under the aegis of Hillel Children's Workshop, 10.45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, Room 524, New College, 40 Willcocks St. The public is welcome. Contact **Bob Katz,** 929-3537 for additional information.

MANIC DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Newer Medical Treatments for Manic-Depressive Disorder will be explained when **Dr. Trevor Young,** addresses a meeting of the Manic-Depressive Association of Toronto, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 40 Orchard View Blvd., Room 224C (second floor).

Thursday, Feb.4

FOREST HILL LIBRARY

Two films, *Snowscreen: The Art of Michael Snow* and *Symphony Beneath the Sea,* will be screened at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 in Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W. Free admission.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

HOCKEY EQUIPMENT FOR ISRAEL

Bring your old, your surplus...While hockey is taking off in Israel, especially among Russian immigrants, the provisions aren't meeting the will. Equipment is hard to come by and very costly. A bin has been established in the front lobby of the North Y, 4588 Bathurst St., where you can drop off used skates, gloves, pads, goalie equipment, etc. The JCC will arrange for shipment to Israel and distribution. Start your Passover cleaning early and help make some budding hockey star happy and safe!

FLYING BULGARS IN LONDON

Order your tickets now for a concert by the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band at Congregation Or Shalom, London, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. Admission, $14 adults, $10 students, $16 at the door (if available). Advance ticket sale locations are, Congregation Or Shalom, 534 Huron St., (by mail or in person), The Madrigal Record Store, Richmond Street, Wendell Holmes Book Stores.

CAMP SHOMRIA OPEN HOUSES

Camp Shomria is scheduling three open houses: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, hosted by **Debbie Zweig** and **Efrim Boritz,** 30 Markdale Ave., telephone 785-7250 (for people in the Bathurst Street area between Eglinton and St. Clair Avenues); 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, hosted by **Sabina** and **Yehuda Rotenberg,** 538 Glengrove Ave. W., 781-1442 (for people between Wilson and Eglinton); 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, hosted by **Vera** and **Nissan Gutmanovitcz,** 8 Wild Gingerway, Unit 24, phone 633-2680 (for people between Wilson and Finch).

At each open house, the camp director and staff will show slides and photos and provide camp information. Your children are welcome. Please call the above numbers if you are interested in attending and for directions.

JOIN THE JCC SINGERS

Attention non-Snowbirds! All you good people over 55 who are sitting out the winter here, why not take up a heartwarming hobby and join the Jewish Community Centre Singers. This acclaimed choir, directed by **Esther Ghan-Firestone** with accompanist **Sara Barkin-Sandler,** is preparing for an exciting season with performances at seniors residences/homes, synagogues, Harbourfront, North York City Hall and to crown it all, Roy Thomson Hall. To join, just come to rehearsal Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m. in Room 221 at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. All voices are welcome. Reading music is not a prerequisite. For information and bookings, call **Dolly Brown,** president, 636-9468.

BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE

The Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave., a thriving congregation in the Beaches area of Toronto, welcomes you to join in Shabbat services 9:30 a.m. every Saturday. Call 694-7942 for information about other services and programs.

CABARET DINNER DANCE

Club Kadima, Na'amat Toronto, invites you to celebrate Tu B'shevat at a Cabaret Dinner Dance, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 at Dynasty Star, 1600 Steeles Ave. W. Cost is $45 per person. Prize is air fare for two to Orlando. For tickets, call the office, 636-5425 or Matana Judaica, 731-6543.

EARLSCOURT 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Earlscourt Child and Family Centre, formerly known as the Earlscourt Children's Home, invites children who grew up at the home and children and families helped by the centre to an Open House celebrating the centre's 80th anniversary, 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at 46 St. Clair Gardens. Earlscourt was home to thousands of children since it was founded in 1913. For more information, call 654-8981.

JSF BOSTON SHABBATON

Plan now for a Jewish Student Federation Shabbaton to be held in Boston, Feb. 13. To inquire further, call 736-5178.

COUPLES OVER 40 PLUS & UP

Couples Over 40 Plus and Up, a vibrant group, welcomes new members for the next three months. This friendly, active group plans speakers, parties, theatre visits, movies and restaurant visits plus its "Bar/Bat Mitzvah" celebration in May. Meetings are at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Affordable fees. For information call **Sylvia,** 782-9588 or **Norman,** 225-4199.

BEAT THE BLAHS WOMEN'S SERIES

Aish Hatorah and The Learning Centre offer the answer to winter mid-week blahs with Wisdom for a Winter Wednesday, a six week series (beginning now) of three different classes by women for women, providing an opportunity to learn, challenge and socialize in an intellectually stimulating environment. Classes are at The Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. Call **Anne,** 636-7530.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

Celebrate 25 years of Israeli Folk Dancing at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m. to ???, Saturday, Feb. 20, main dance studio, first floor. Dance, dance, dance! Surprises, refreshments. Cost, $5. For more information, contact **Teme,** 636-1880 ext. 364.

TEMPLE SINAI MUSICAL LEGACY

The Three Festivals (Shalosh R'galim), a new cantata by **Ben Steinberg,** will have its Canadian premiere at Temple Sinai's annual Shabbat Shira service/concert, Friday, Feb. 5. Participants include the Temple Sinai and Holy Blossom Temple choirs, 150 voices accompanied by a professional instrumental ensemble. **Cantor Severin Weingort** will chant the service and cantata soloist is to be **Cantor Martha Birnbaum,** of Rochester. Narrator will be news anchorwoman **Sandie Rinaldo.** Services begin at 8:15. Come and bring a friend.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., is accepting registration for beginner, intermediate and advanced adult and teenager winter courses in conversational Hebrew. Morning courses are 9:30-11:05, Mondays. Evening courses are 7:30-9, Tuesdays. Instructor for the beginner's course is **Joseph Klinger,** founder of the Israeli ulpan method for teaching Hebrew in Toronto. For consultation and registration, call him at 787-0197.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

JF & CS workshops include: One Marriage: Two Religions, a group for engaged couples from different religions (begins March 4); Successful Step-Parenting, (begins Feb. 17); For Women Only, a group to explore self-esteem, communication, relationships and time management (begins Feb. 23); Midlife Menopause and Me. For more information re fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman,** 638-7800.

DEPRESSION SUPPORT/MUTUAL AID

Depression Support and Mutual Aid offers weekly small groups (women only or mixed) for people struggling with depression. Meetings are conducted in a caring, professional manner at easily accessible locations. Fees are on a sliding scale. A monthly series is also starting. For registration and/or information, call 783-6969, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. weekdays.

KOLEL SPRING COURSES

Call 660-3154 now, to receive a brochure for the spring semester courses of Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning. Day and evening classes are offered throughout Toronto and include Women and Judaism, Song of Songs, Responsa, The Ten Commandments and more. Class size is limited and courses begin the week of Feb. 15.

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MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

Pictured here at a Mad Hatter's Tea Party, one of the events held in conjunction with the Leo Baeck Day School Book Fair, are (back row, from left) Amy Boddy, Kaylie Handler, Julia Alter, Haley Morrison, Aaron Cash; (front row) Jayme Zuckerman and Kayla Landen. Students were able to purchase new books for their school library and also donate some books to the Native Women's Resource Centre.

Organizations and People

What's New

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USDS FUNFAIR

Spend a great family afternoon with Doodoo the clown, kids entertainment, kosher food, cotton candy, games, boutique sales, raffle with terrific prizes, children's raffle, at the United Synagogue Day School Parents' Association Funfair, noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 7 at the school facilities, 3080 Bayview Ave. Free admission.

STUDENTS' TU B'SHEVAT DANCE

It's the first annual Tu B'shevat Dance, sponsored by the Jewish Student Union, Jewish Student Council and Jewish Student Federation, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at The Marquee, 280 Coxwell Ave. For tickets, $6 advance, $8 at the door, contact **Beth Lawrence** or **Shari Pinsky,** 783-1165.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL

The community is welcome to join Temple Emanu-El, 120 Old Colony Rd., for daily minyans, 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. Sundays and holidays. Friday evening services are 8:30 p.m. and Saturday morning services, 10:30 a.m. As well, parents and children are welcome at Family Shabbat Services, 7:30 p.m. the last Friday of every month. For further information, call 449-3880.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and also Mincha Maariv at 5:20 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information, call **David** at 256-1600.

KOFFLER GALLERY

Modern Eagle - Modern Vision, an exhibition of masks and sculptures in stone, wood and bronze by **David General** at the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., until March 4, illustrates the artist's idealism through his awareness of his own Native ancestry, universal themes and contemporary approaches.

DIABETES RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS

The Clinical Diabetes Research Unit at Mt. Sinai Hospital is recruiting volunteers to participate in several important research projects. Help us help you. If you have diabetes and are interested in obtaining more information, call 586-8778 or 586-8776.

BETH SHOLOM ADULT EDUCATION

Great Leaders and Thinkers in Jewish History will be studied in the 10 session adult education series at Beth Sholom Congregation, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., commencing Feb. 11. For details, call 630-8921.

ISRAELI ACADEMICIANS PARTY

The Association of Israeli Academicians in Toronto invites members to a Get Together Party with sing-along and dancing to Israeli tunes, and refreshments. 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Community Centre, 120 Banbury Rd. (south of York Mills, west of Leslie). For information, call 493-7453.

for seniors

Club Hadar meets 1-4 p.m. every Monday and Thursday at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, meeting room 2, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Programs include Tai Chi, painting, bingo, cards, discussions. For information, call **Viola Landsman,** 886-2625.

JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., **Senior Adult Services,** invites you to a Canadian Hearing Society program, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, Room 202-203, when **Brenda Vernon** speaks about hearing loss and new types of listening devices. She will show videos and slides. No charge.

And, *Senior Adult Services* wants you to experience Captivating Cape Cod, May 2-7. Tour includes return transportation via deluxe motorcoach, two nights enroute at the Holiday Inn, Schenectady and Syracuse; folk dancing with **Teme;** three nights accommodation at the Hyannis Harborview; five buffet breakfasts; three dinners (fish available) one at the hotel, one with entertainment, one at a local restaurant; guided tours of the area; a whale watching excursion; taxes, gratuities and cancellation/medical insurance. Cost per person - double $578, triple $558, quad $548, single $714. For more information and to reserve, contact **Teme Kernerman,** 636-1880, ext. 364.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Bingo on Feb. 1. For information, call 784-9432 or 635-5604.

Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., features the movie *Sister Act* with **Whoopi Goldberg,** 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31 in the Assembly Room.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club plans an extraordinary all-inclusive trip to Israel March 1-22. Register for Florida trips Tuesdays only, 10 a.m.- noon at the shul. The group's ongoing programs will begin shortly. And think ahead to spring and summer day trips: May 14, the ballet *Romeo and Juliet;* June 9, the musical, *Oliver;* July 22, *Damn Yankees;* Aug. 22, *Anything Goes.* For details on trips and activities, call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923.

Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield,** 787-1526.

Join the **Good Age Club** at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave., 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, when **Rabbi Steven Saltsman** will speak. Refreshments. For more information, call **Luni,** 924-6211.

Earl Bales Seniors Club holds a Saturday dance, 7-10 p.m. Feb. 6 in the clubhouse. Members free; non-members, $1. Dance to a live band Sunday, Feb. 7 in the Community Centre. Members, $3, non-members, $4. Next movie is 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3. Reserve ahead for a day trip (members only), $5 per person, departs 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 from Earl Bales Community Centre for Metropolitan Toronto Police Headquarters and Catcha Sportswear. Tickets available in office. Bowling, for members, 1-3 p.m. Mondays at York Bowlerama.

Lifestyle, Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., invites you to *A Taste of Love and Romantic Memories* by actor/singer **Gloria Valentine** and a musical interlude with **John-Henry Nyenhuis.** To reserve, call **Marlene White,** 785-1511.

Sunrise Group has accommodation for a Miami trip Jan. 29-Feb. 26, or choose your own date. Single room with efficiency. Departures every week. For information, call **Esther,** 932-2534 or **Manny,** 633-7463.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Working Together for Change is a new support group for abused older adults. For meeting dates and more information, contact **Sheila Zane** or **Sandra Fujino,** 225-2112. A confidential pre-group interview will be arranged with **Blanche Wiseman** who will be leading the group. All inquiries will be held in strict confidence.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Come and join in all the interesting events. For more information call **Anna,** 225-2112.

Energize your Sundays. FolkDancing with **Vicky Slobodkin** is held in the front auditorium 11 a.m.-noon every week until Feb. 28.

At 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, the movie, *Mutiny on the Bounty* will be shown in the synagogue.

Let's Go to Romania, is the theme for the next Wednesday afternoon social, 1:30 p.m. Feb. 3. Refreshments. Members $2.50, non-members $3.50.

at the JCC

Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave., offers WenDo, a women's basic self-defence course, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7 and 14. Pre-registration is a must. For more information call **Luni,** 924-6211.

And, Jiu Jitsu classes are scheduled at the Bloor Y, 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, 1-3 p.m. Saturday. For further information contact **Shawn Rodie,** 960-8762.

The art exhibit Selected Pastel Works, by **Arlene Dubo,** continues at Bloor through Feb. 7. For viewing hours, call Luni, 924-6211.

Want to go to Israel for free? Ask a lifeguard at the Bloor Y for details.

The Institute for Jewish Learning will hold a sample class for Chevra - a two year comprehensive course in adult Jewish education - teaching the basics and intricacies of Jewish living through text study and student interaction, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3 , at the North Y, 4588 Bathurst St. RSVP to **Mahra,** 636-1880 ext. 365.

BERMANS HONORED

On a visit to Boys Town, Jerusalem, Helen and Joe Berman of Toronto, receive a bouquet of flowers from Daniel Chiguala, one of Israel's newest olim from Peru, after the Bermans presented Boys Town with a new sefer Torah. Daniel is a descendant of Marranos who arrived in Peru from Spain in 1500 and for centuries thought of themselves as no different from the other Indians in the seaside resort of Trujillo, except that they observed a Shabbat rest day. Now they have come to Israel and converted formally to Judaism.

WEIZMANN LECTURE

At the first lecture of the Weizmann Women for Science 1992-93 scientific program, which was held in the home of Elaine and Jimmy Kay, Dr. Geraldine A. Kenney-Wallace, president and vice-chancellor of McMaster University, gave a presentation on Lasers in Art and Science. Pictured above with Dr. Kenney (centre) are (from left) Raylene Godel, co-chair; Elaine Kay; Carol Gordon, co-chair; Marvelle Koffler, founding member.

About People

HOLY BLOSSOM OFFICERS

The following Holy Blossom officers for 1993 were installed along with the board of trustees: president, **Diana Goodman; vice president, Elliot Jacobson;** vice president, **Gary Posen;** financial secretary, **Mark S. Anshan;** treasurer, **Bea Sidlofsk;** recording secretary, **Robin Klotz.**

WASSERSTEIN RE-ELECTED TO CJF

New York: **George Wasserstein** of Toronto has been re-elected to serve as a vice president of the Council of Jewish Federations, the continental association for 189 Jewish Federations, the central community organizations which serve nearly 800 localities embracing a Jewish population of more than 6.1 million in Canada and the United States.

HENIG BOOK A WINNER

Harry Henig's newest book, *Sounds of Yesterday*, is proving to be a winner for Shaare Zedek Medical Centre. Henig donated 450 copies to The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, which mailed them to selected supporters. Proceeds, which are arriving steadily, will augment the Rhea Winston Memorial Fund at the hospital's School of Nursing, to endow scholarships for deserving students. Henig has been a long time close friend of **Rhea Winston,** who died December 1991, and her husband **Bill.** Some books are still available at the Shaare Zedek office. Call 781-3584 for information.

Harry Henig

Organizations and People

Dr. Chesnie worked on community's behalf

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Dr. Joshua Chesnie, known and loved by a large number of Jewish people as their family doctor, died recently at the age of 74 at Mount Sinai Hospital. He died of heart disease.

Chesnie treated several generations of the same family and was particularly well known among immigrant groups.

His activities on behalf of Jewish causes made him one of Toronto's best known Jewish physicians.

He served as president of Mount Sinai's medical advisory committee, chair of the medical division of the United Jewish Appeal of Toronto, and president of the Primrose Club.

Born in Toronto, Chesnie graduated from the University of Toronto medical school in 1943. He organized the hematology department of Mount Sinai Hospital, where he was a staff physician for over 45 years.

Chesnie was one of the founding members of the Canadian Hematological Society and a fellow of both the Royal College of Physicians (Canada) and the American College of Physicians. He was also a founding member of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

Chesnie was an avid reader, golfer, photographer, painter and an accomplished pianist.

He belonged to the Board of Trade Golf Club and to Holy Blossom Temple.

Avid reader

Chesnie is survived by his wife, Henrietta, daughter Debby Cooper of Newport Beach, Calif., brother David Black, and six grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Holy Blossom Temple followed by internment in Holy Blossom Memorial Park.

At the request of the family, remembrances may be sent to the Joshua and Henrietta Chesnie Cardiac Research Fund of Mount Sinai Hospital, 600 University Ave., Toronto, Ont., M5G 1X6.

BBYO DANCE

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) and the North American High School Organization Network (NAHON) recently co-sponsored a dance at the Jewish Community Centre north branch, which was attended by over 300 people. The theme of the dance, Break the Chains, was held in support of the estimated 1,300 Jews who remain in Syria. The proceeds of the dance were donated to the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands of the Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Presenting the cheque to Judy Feld-Carr (centre), chair of the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands, are Daniella Robicsek (right), chair of the Oppressed Jewry Task Force for NAHON and May Dalume (left), president, Toronto Council B'nai B'rith Girls.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles Events is an advertising feauture of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Safety Harbour Spa in Florida presents our next singles party at **Mayfair West Raquet Club** (Chesswood/Sheppard) Saturday, January 30. The action begins begins at 7:00pm with a tennis round robin and hor's deouvres, and a dance following at 10:00pm. A lucky draw will take place for a weekend at the Safety Harbour Spa. The cost for the tennis and dance is $20.00 for non-members, $15.00 for Mayfair members. The cost is $10.00 after 10:00pm for the dance. Call Marcia, 638-1010, to reserve for tennis.

A New Date Booked! **Metro Toronto Singles** Presents a **Singles Theatre Night** at Poor Alex Theatre, 296 Brunswick Ave. (just south of Bloor Street). **Tuesday, February 2**. 8:00pm. Featuring the acclaimed comedy **"KVETCH"** by Stephen Berkoff. Party reception and meeting of the actors to follow. Cost $12.00 in advance, $15.00 at door. **222-7111** for reservations and information.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents a "Saturday Night Live" Party at **The Parkview Club** (Leslie Street/Eglinton, across parking lot just north of Inn on the Park Hotel). **Saturday, February 6**. 9:00pm. Dancing with D.J. Grand door prize $50 gift certificate from Sporting Life. Cover $10.00. **222-7111** for information.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents the return of **"The Berlin Exchange". Thursday, February 4** at 6:00pm, at Berlin Night Club (2335 Yonge Street). Featuring **Tony Aspler**, Wine Expert and writer for The Toronto Star. He will conduct a wine tasting and talk about Canadian wines vs. Wines of the World. Cost $20.00, $15.00 for advanced booking. R.S.V.P. 489-7777 or 222-7111.

Pre Valentine's Day Party
Sunday, January 31
Sweetheart of a party. Start the New Year with a bang, at North York's newest Hot Spot- Salute, 4950 Yonge Street (2 blocks north of Sheppard inside the Madison Centre) $10.00. 8:00pm. Ages 22-42.
Special guest Ruth Friedman "Miss Matchmaker '93", bringing people together for the last 20 years. Info: Call Janna 520-0045.

We are a group of Jewish single men and women who meet once a month to discuss interpersonal relationships. Our next meeting will be held Thursday, February 4th, 7:30pm at the Adath Israel Congregation, Bathurst/ Wilson area. Topics: (1) Commitment; (2) Physical Attraction. Sponsored by Adath Israel Outreach Program for Singles. Call Evelyn: 781-9245.

"Y'All Ready For This??" (A.Y.J.A.) Association of Young Jewish Adults (formerly J.A.P.S.) presents our first party of the year at "SALUTE!" (4950 Yonge Street, Madison Centre) February 7, 8:00pm, tickets $10.00. For more information please call 760-4149. A.Y.J.A. is a non-profit all-volunteer organization for ages 22-35.

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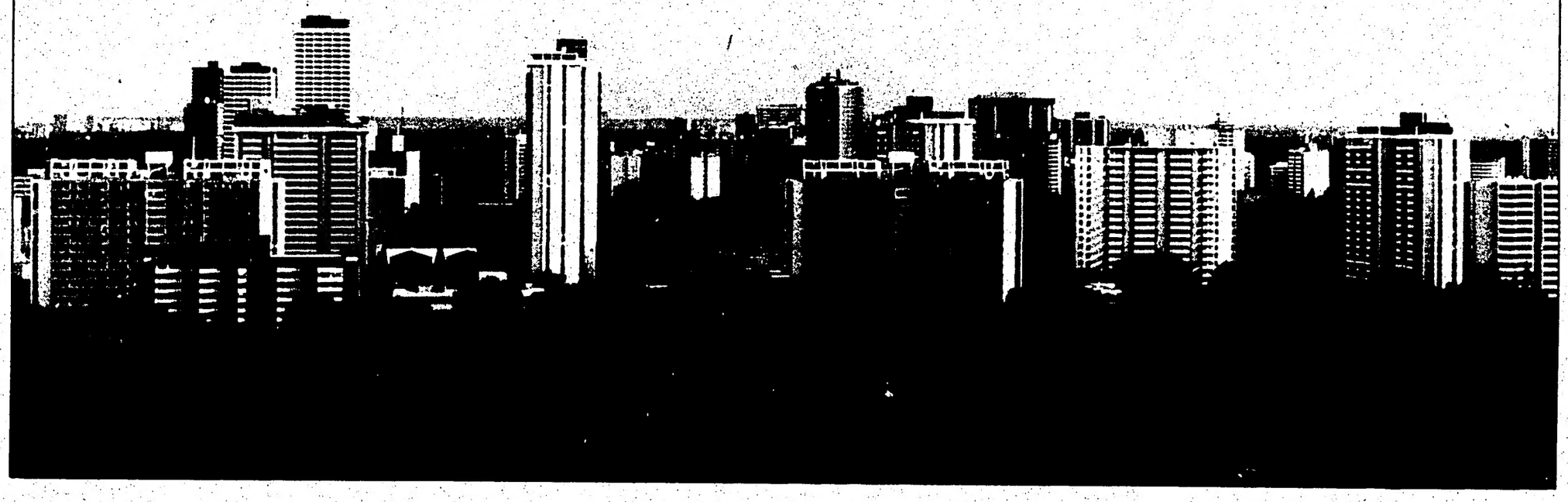

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Arts

Troupe utterly believeable in Diary of a Madman

By BEN ROSE

Tom Troupe in Diary of a Madman.

TORONTO — Tom Troupe's portrayal of a lowly government clerk in *Diary of a Madman* at the Leah Posluns Theatre until Feb. 14 is a tour de force; it is theatre of the mind, par excellance.

Madness is a subject which has fascinated novelists, playwrights and composers since time immemorial; witness Hamlet or Lucia, the heroine of *Lucia di Lammermoor*.

But veteran actor Troupe translates Nikolai Gogol's short story, adapted by director Don Eitner, in a way that elevates it to a definitive thespian portrayal of madness.

It may sound like a contradiction but this production is full of humor as this poverty-stricken minion in the bureaucratic world of St. Petersburg, circa 1880, rails against the chief clerk, his lowly station in life, and confides his love for Sofi, the daughter of the bureau's director, a love that is spurned and turned against him.

The actor sets the tone of the whimsy to follow early on when, in describing the faults of the chief clerk, he says: "When it comes to picking up anything with a skirt a civil sevant will put a sailor to shame."

Though it is a one-man show, the stage never appears bereft, so intriguing is the set by Samantha Burson with its coal-oil lamp, pot-bellied stove, quill pens and dusty diaries, and the all-enveloping sound and lighting by Allan McMillan.

Only once does the dramatic momentum fail, and that is at a key point, when the doomed clerk dies in a jail cell. For some reason, whether the result of a defect in the sound, the clerk's final words, "What do you want?" do not fit in the context of the preceding action.

It is a question whether Gogol's incisive chronicle of a mind losing its moorings, or Troupe's absolutely authentic acting is the real star of *Diary of a Madman*. Only a heart of stone would be unmoved when Troupe hurls his beloved puppet into the stove in a fit of passion over his unrequited love.

It may seem unbelievable that talking dogs, a jealous puppet, and the final masquerade of the mad clerk as King Ferdinand VIII of Spain, add up to a believable picture.

When the stage is littered with his writings and the imaginary letters of the dogs, and the presence of this hounded and haunted man has filled every niche of the proscenium, then, you, too, will be a believer.

Eye on Arts

Hungarian born cellist András Weber will perform Bruch's *Kol Nidrei* and Saint-Saens' *Cello Concerto* with the York Symphony Orchestra on Feb. 6-7.

Both concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the first scheduled for Aurora High School and the second for Markham Theatre.

For tickets to the Saturday concert, call 881-2886. For tickets to the Sunday performance, call 479-0201.

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The gala premiere of Liv Ullmann's directoral debut *Sofie* will be held Feb. 11 at the Ontario Science Centre at 7 p.m.

Sofie is set against the backdrop of Jewish family life in turn-of-the-century Denmark. It is a tale of a brilliant young woman's emotional journey through 20 years.

The film is being presented by UNICEF and Alliance Releasing.

For tickets call 487-4153.

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The Doug Barr Children's Show will be presented by Beth David Synagogue's young families committee on Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. at 55 Yeomans Rd.

The show highlights songs from Barr's four albums. This performance has been crafted to offer family audiences as much musical, stylistic variation and physical participation as possible.

For information call the synagogue office at 633-5500.

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Cellist Ofra Harnoy will present the world premiere of León Zuckert's *Sonata for Cello and Piano* as part of A Tribute to León Zuckert at the Leah Posluns Theatre on Feb. 21.

The piece was written especially for Harnoy by Zuckert, who enjoyed a distinguished career as a composer, violinist and conductor before his death last May at the age of 88.

Harnoy will be one of many outstanding Canadian musicians performing at the tribute. Among those scheduled to appear are sopranos Jean Edwards and Vera Kaushansky, baritone David Varjabed, pianists Derek Bampton and Natalya Tyomkina, the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir and the Shevchenko Musical Ensemble Chorus and Orchestra.

The concert is being co-sponsored by the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir and the Shevchenko Musical Guild.

For tickets call 630-6752.

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A Tribute to Broadway, produced by Montreal businessman Allan Sandler, is a solid hit at Limelight Dinner Theatre. Among the standouts are *The American Dream* from *Miss Saigon*, *Don't Cry For Me Argentina*, from *Evita* and *Master of the House* from Les *Misérables*. The show also includes numbers from *Cats*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Phantom of the Opera* and *Chorus Line*. The show has four strong perfomers who sing and dance — Andre Boileau, Naomi Emmerson, Richard Charrette and Jean Elliot Manning.

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The famed Cracow Philharmonic Orchestra of Poland, under the direction of American guest conductor Gilbert Levine, will undertake a nine city tour of North America from Feb. 19 to March 3.

The orchestra will visit Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall on Feb. 23 at 8 p.m.

Other stops will include Buffalo on Feb. 22 and Detroit on Feb. 26.

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Two works on the Jews of Spain, considered as standards of historiography, have just been added to The Jewish Publication Society's series of JPS Classic Reissues in paperback.

The books are *The Jews of Moslem Spain* by Eliyahu Ashtor and *The History of the Jews in Christian Spain* by Yitzhak Baer.

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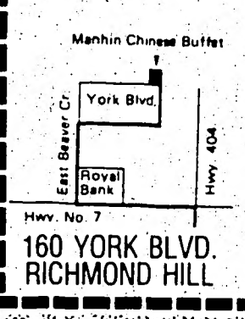

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Arts

Dora Wasserman focus of CBC TV profile

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Dora Wasserman, the recipient of an Order of Canada earlier this month, is a phenomenon. From humble origins, and against all odds, she founded Montreal's Yiddish Theatre, now associated with the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

Born in Ukraine in 1920, Wasserman arrived in Canada from the Soviet Union, via a DP camp in Vienna, shortly after World War II. She was penniless, and she did not speak a word of English or French.

Beginning her illustrious career teaching drama, in Yiddish, to immigrant children at the Jewish Public Library, she has since become a veritable cultural force, a "one-woman crusader for a disappearing language," and, of course, the grande dame of Yiddish theatre in Canada.

CBC TV will present a profile of this stellar lady on Feb. 9 at 10 p.m. on *Adrienne Clarkson Presents*. It is entitled *Dora*.

Through interviews with Wasserman, her daughter and actors in her amateur troupe, Wasserman's story unfolds. These talking heads are supplemented by shots of Wasserman in rehearsals, wringing excellence from her actors, and of a clip of the Yiddish Theatre's spirited performance of Michael Tremblay's play, *Les Belle Soeurs*.

It is not a bad piece of television journalism, but, being far too brief, skims only the surface of her interesting life.

Wasserman's fierce, uncompromising love of Yiddish is what comes across most strongly. Yiddish, she says, is "very important for me." What an understatement! This woman lives and breathes Yiddish. She has dedicated herself to its preservation and enhancement. As Clarkson observes admiringly, Wasserman is involved in *every* detail of each production.

A graduate of the Moscow Yiddish Theatre and an alumnus of the Kiev State Theatre, Wasserman fought to create a Yiddish theatre in Montreal, so that the deaths of millions of European Jews in the Holocaust would not be entirely in vain. The Nazis destroyed a Yiddish-based culture; Wasserman would do her best to perpetuate it through the medium of theatre.

Kvetch is a real headache

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Is it only Jews who kvetch?

Is it only Jews who utter platitudes while their real thoughts run deeper and darker?

These questions arise in considering Steven Berkoff's play *Kvetch* running at the Poor Alex Theatre until Feb. 7. Why did Berkoff, a British Jew, decide that it should be a Jewish family that has an interfering mother-in-law, a lack of moral standards, martial infidelity and latent homosexuality?

Is it because there is an audience out there for plays which include jokes about Jewish American Princesses and dialogue loaded with anti-Semitic potential? The night this reviewer attended, the audience, of mostly university-age people, keyed in on the anti-Jewish material.

The idea that people don't say what they mean and that actors should address their real thoughts directly to the audience is legitimate dramatic material but it should work just as well with an Anglo-Saxon, Italian or Chinese family.

A press release promoting *Kvetch* states: "With direct address, Berkoff exposes his Jewish roots. . ." Let's hope that the environment which nurtured him was not as seamy as the one in his play.

What actors Ralph Small, Danny Wengle, Joan Heney, Judy Silver and Brian Smegal, and director Ned Vukovic did in *Kvetch* is less relevant than the content.

No doubt some will argue that it is limiting artistic freedom to suggest that a playwright must consider whether his material may foster anti-Semitism. But it is a problem which playwrights should face. Arthur Miller met it head on when he wrote that he deliberately avoided making any of his protoganists Jewish to avoid this very problem. In Comedians playwright Trevor Griffiths shows that jokes about Irish, Scots and Jews hide deep-seated resentment against them.

I raise the issue now because anti-Semitic references have been creeping into plays that hit the boards in Toronto in the past few years. It is an issue which the Jewish community must face, too, because in today's economic climate there will be more, not less, of this kind of material.

Shouldn't Jews be permitted to laugh at themselves, supporters of *Kvetch* might say. But when the laughs may feed latent anti-Semitism, one must reckon the cost.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

A History of the Jews in America, by Howard M. Sachar (Random House, $50).

Over the past two months, I have been reading with undiminished interest what is undoubtedly the most ambitious and successful one-volume history of American Jewry. Compared to this monumental, elegantly written overview, all similar efforts are of secondary interest and importance.

The author, who has written highly regarded histories of European Jewry, Israel, and the Middle East, is blessed with scholarly and narrative gifts.

This panoramic account encompasses three and a half centuries although, understandably, the focus of attention is on the 19th and 20th centuries. All significant aspects of American Jewish life are discussed: the successive waves of immigration, the problems of integration and the tensions between the older Americans and the newcomers, the struggle against anti-Semitism, the burst of Jewish energy in numerous fields of endeavor, the antagonism between

Colorful characters profiled

the religious traditionalists and the religious reformers, the rise and decline of political radicalism, the trauma of the Depression, the tangled history of Zionist endeavor, the dilemmas of ethnicity and the new and multiple problems of the post-war era.

The unprecedented mobility of the Jewish community in just three generations — from the status of immigrants to a place high on the socioeconomic scale — is a multi-sided story of endless fascination. This drama is peopled with colorful and creative characters. Sachar includes numerous brief sketches of men and women who have made a difference, from Levi Strauss (of "Levi's" fame) and Helena Rubenstein, through judges Louis Brandeis and Felix Frankfurter of the Supreme Court to Jonas Salk and Saul Bellow.

Sachar is candid and outspoken and some of his appraisals of wellknown figures are surprising. He is no admirer of Elie Weisel, who "has honed his platform technique to perfection, his countenance soulfully ascetic as he demands and secures honoraria on the lecture circuit unmatched in Jewish forensic history."

In 1977, a New York Jewish diamond merchant was murdered on the day before Yom Kippur. Two former Israelis were convicted of the crime. Sachar comes down hard on the Orthodox community. "More horrifying than the crime itself was the trial's revelation of a squalid underground of Israeli and New York Jewish gangsters, most of them solemly befrocked Orthodox priests, whose transgressions included smuggling, stealing, extorting — and now killing."

Sachar makes clear how strongly Jews have shaped the American way of life in law, medicine, literature, teaching, commerce, government and popular entertainment. "Often speaking in the dissonant accents of the alienated and anti-heroic, they evoked the resonance of intellectual challenge and reappraisal."

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Organizations and People

Jacobs' guide lets parents evaluate teachers

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

"Kids go into each school year with 100 percent. Teachers try to take away as many of those marks as they possibly can," says an honors student.

"There are two reasons people become teachers: July and August," comments another disillusioned pupil.

Those are just two of the thousands of angry and cynical remarks Nellie Jacobs has heard during her 25 years as an educator and parent of four children.

They are the kind of remarks that prompted her to begin writing a parents' guide to evaluating teachers, a guide that would, in effect, allow parents to turn the tables on their children's teachers by issuing a report card on the teachers' skills. The book is now close to completion.

"Basically, my book is about accountability in education," Jacobs says.

"It's a book that empowers parents, arms them with the tools to approach teachers and school administrations with an intelligent analysis rather than just hot-headed emotion."

She says her writing sprang out of "a tremendous frustration."

"The experiences in my book are not just my own or my children's, but those of my friends, my acquaintances, the many people who don't even know I'm writing a book, who have called me to tell me how frustrated they are that their kids' needs at school are not being met."

Nellie Jacobs

Jacobs graduated from Toronto Teachers' College and taught elementary school for five years before taking time to raise four children. She later returned to York University and obtained a degree in communications. She has been editor and publisher of a newspaper for mothers, and currently leads creative writing workshops.

Like everyone who has ever gone through school, Jacobs has her share of horror stories.

She says she has never forgotten her first, traumatic day at kindergarten.

"They took away my name. My name was Nela — my family had immigrated from Poland when I was 2 — and that very first day, the teacher anglicized it to Nellie, in order to make it familiar to her. That was a common practice in those days," Jacobs says.

"Back then many parents, especially immigrant parents, were very reluctant to do anything about such things. A lot of them were intimated. They were trying to make a living, they didn't want to rock the boat, because their boat had drowned before. Often the children suffered as a result."

Frustrating situations

What would she do in such a situation today?

"I would simply go tell the teacher: "My child's name is Nela!"

Jacobs believes parents today are more active and vocal concerning their children's schooling. But at the same time, they may not know how to go about changing a frustrating situation.

That's where her book comes in.

It deals with everything from a detailed method for grading teachers, to the best way to effect the changes you want.

A key chapter explains how to sit down with your child and mark their teacher's performance. Teachers are assessed on organization, ability to communicate, appearance, availability, fairness, feedback, humor, clarity of expectations, patients, reliability and responsiveness to students.

"You have to demand quality for your child, rather than just lying back and letting their education happen. This book will make parents aware of what they should identify if they want to get the optimum amount out of their child's education," Jacobs says.

She admits that "kids complain, and of course you can't interfere in every instance."

But at the same time, Jacobs believes that "there is a point where a student needs to know that the parent is validating their concerns. Sometimes parents shrug and say, 'let the kid handle it, it's good training for later life,' but often the student doesn't have all the skills to deal with the problem. He or she needs to know that the parent is backing them up."

She also feels it's important to reward good teachers.

"A verbal acknowledgement, or sending the teacher a note with a copy to the administration — that's something we all tend to overlook," she points out.

Jacobs hopes her book will be read by teachers as well as by students and parents.

She thinks it would be "an eye-opener," an opportunity for educators to identify their strengths and weaknesses and change accordingly.

Ultimately, she says, "teachers are the future administrators. This is one way we can have an effect on the system."

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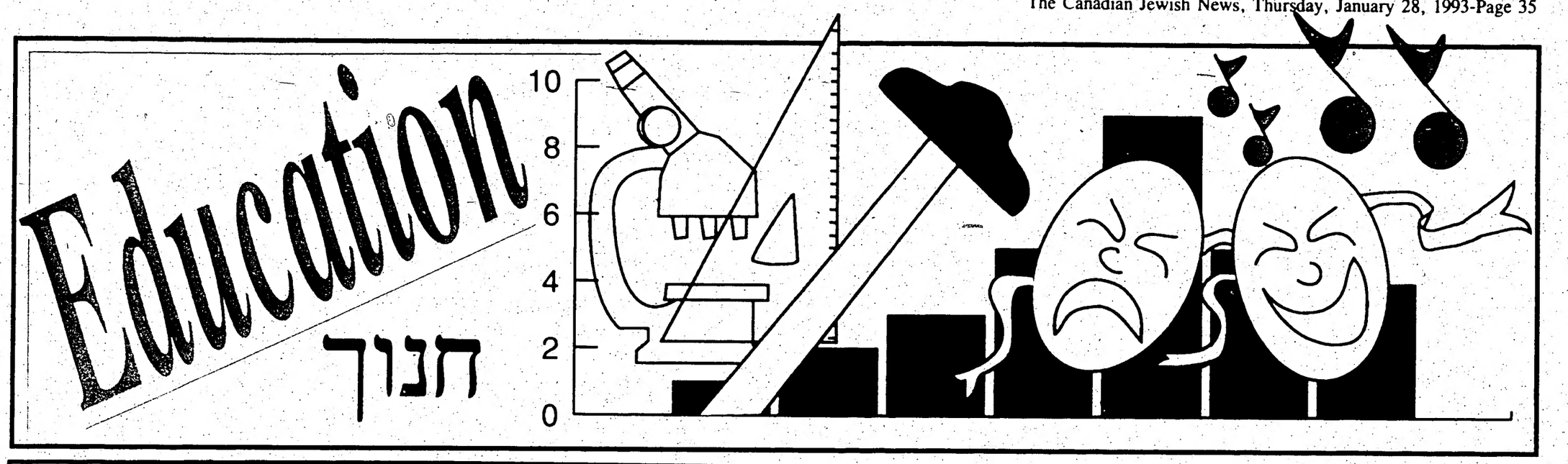

ART CLASSES CREATING BUDDING PICASSOS?

Associated students (from left) Ilan Braude, Andrea Zeifman and Jeff Kobric, all age 13, enjoying their grade 8 art class. Full story about day school art programs on page 47 of the Education Supplement. [Alron photo]

Financial crunch takes toll on school programs

By PAUL LUNGEN

Like other communal institutions feeling the pinch of the recession, the Jewish school system is facing tough times as a result of stagnant enrolment and funding levels that have remained static despite rising costs.

For the third year in a row, the Jewish school system is facing a budgetary ceiling well below the levels it has requested from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, which operates the annual community fundraising campaign and which is finding it difficult to obtain full payment of contributors' pledges.

Jewish day and supplementary schools have asked for about $10.86 million for the 1992-93 school year. But after vetting by the BJE's fiscal committee, which pared that figure down to $9.3 million, the federation approved a total allocation of slightly over $7 million, the same as in the previous two years, said Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education. The total annual operating expenditure of the Jewish school system is about $62 million.

While all schools that receive community funds are suffering, those that have few alternate sources of income are hurt the most, the rabbi said.

Two schools, She'arim Hebrew Day School, which is geared for the learning disabled, and Or Haemet Sephardic School, are now "at risk" and "facing serious problems in being able to function," Rabbi Witty said.

Other schools are also finding they must reduce programs and services.

Associated Hebrew Schools has had to cut back counselling and remediation services. Netivot Hatorah has had to eliminate a physical education program. Eitz Chaim Day School ended its special education program and is forced to cram youngsters into crowded classrooms. Sections of some CHAT Hebrew classes were cut out of the school's budget.

Rabbi Witty said that some independent schools that have not been recipients of community fundraising, such as Yesodai Hatorah and Beth Jacob's elementary school, have put out feelers about obtaining community funds. He said he has been contacted by representatives of the Bobover Yeshiva-Bnai Zion about receiving funds, but he laid out little hope that they could be accommodated, since in the past they have declined to conform to BJE standards of fiscal monitoring and teacher certification. These schools have traditionally relied on benefactors who, because of their own financial difficulties, are unable to support the schools as they have in the past.

"This makes it all the more imperative that [the community] must intensify its collective efforts in the legal and political arenas to obtain government funding," Rabbi Witty said.

So far, the political lobbying conducted by the community through Canadian Jewish Congress has fallen on deaf ears. In the absence of a move on the political front, five Jewish parents acting under the auspices of Congress initiated a legal challenge to the current practice that sees Roman Catholic schools fully funded while Jewish schools receive nothing. A lower court ruling against the parents is being challenged at the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Rabbi Witty said that a second worrying factor affecting the Jewish school system is "a levelling off of enrolment in the day schools," though supplementary schools have experienced a modest rise in numbers.

In the 1991-92 school year, 9,605 children, from pre-schoolers through the senior grades, attended day schools. In 1992-93, that figure grew to only 9,619. Elementary school enrolment declined somewhat with a corresponding increase in the upper grades.

Meanwhile, the total numbers in the supplementary (after school) programs rose to 6,191 this year from 5,928 the year before. Another 373 children are enrolled in heritage language Hebrew programs in seven schools in North York and York.

Rabbi Witty said the BJE did not have the manpower or resources to conduct a proper study of the reasons for the stagnant day school enrolment. He speculated it might be because of a number of factors: a natural fall in the birth rate; economic considerations; a reordering of priorities among parents who are putting Jewish schooling in the back seat to other family priorities.

Rabbi Witty pointed out that because grants from the federation have been constant for the past three years while costs (including salaries) continue to rise, more pressure is being placed on tuition-paying parents to support the Jewish school system.

Bernard Shoub, the BJE's director of school financing, said that the number of children receiving assistance has increased each year since 1989-90.

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Contact: Sylvia Lustgarten. The committee for Yiddish believes that Yiddish is a vital factor in maintaining Jewish culture and Jewish identity in our community. To this end the committee, on its own and in co-operation with communal organizations, produces programs, lectures, concerts and Yiddish classes for all ages. Some committee for Yiddish projects are: an annual outdoor concert of Yiddish folk music, an annual Yiddish lecture series, community wide cultural projects and Yiddish classes, fundraising to maintain U of T Yiddish courses and consultation with community organizations to help them build their Yiddish programs.

CONGREGATION HABONIM OF TORONTO
5 Glen Park Ave., 782-7125
Centrally located near Bathurst and Glencairn. Contact: Lillian Goodman. Religious school: Sunday morning classes for children 8-12 years. Bible study; traditions; history; Hebrew; small classes.

DISCOVER TORONTO DAY CAMP
740-CAMP
Help us discover the major attractions in and around Metro Toronto: Canada's Wonderland, Wild Water Kingdom, Centre Island and lots more! Supervised by mattere and responsible staff. Door-to-door bus service and/or supervised pick-up points. Highlights this year include: one-day overnight trips to Niagara Falls and a spectacular one-week trip to Disney World. See our calendar in this section!

DOWNTOWN JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL
(c/o JCC Bloor branch)
750 Spadina Ave., 924-6211
Principal: Joan Schoeneld. Affiliation: Independent school. Students: 275, ages 4-16. Grades: Jr. K.-Gr. 11, Jr. K.-Gr. 1/Sun. only, Gr. 2-7/Sun.-Wed., High school/Wed. 7-8:30 p.m. Special programs/features: community holiday celebration program and Oneg Shabbat dinners, adult education programs. Family Israel Fair. Comments: to provide students with a basis for Jewish identity in a pluralistic community. Students are taught the concepts and skills necessary to lives a Jewish life and to feel comfortable within a Jewish setting.

EITZ CHAIM SCHOOLS
Rabbi S. K. Weinberg (senior principal), 475 Patricia Ave., 225-1187; Rabbi L. Adler (principal girls' branches), 1 Viewmount Ave., 789-4366; Mrs. E. Weinstock (vice-principal), 80 York Hill Blvd., 764-6633; Mrs. L. Bobrowsky (pre-school supervisor), Viewmount branch); Mrs. E. Kaplan (pre-school supervisor), Patricia and York Hill branches.
General philosophy: to instil the foundation skills, lifestyle and aspirations necessary to become an Oved Hashem and to understand and relate to the world in accordance with Torah precepts, values and ideals. Extra subjects: gym, music, Yiddish, computers, home economics, guidance, extra-curricular programs sponsored by the Mothers' Association. Special education services: JVS and JF&CS, plus in-house remedial and special education services.

EXPLANATIONS UNLIMITED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE
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FOREST HILL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
730 Eglinton Ave. W., 393-1860
Forest Hill C.I. offers full-year courses in Grades 9 and 10 and semestered courses in Grades 11 to OAC. The enrolment is approximately 900 students. Over ninety percent of the graduates attend university and the school has an international reputation for its academic excellence. There is a tradition of strong student leadership and participation in extra-curricular activities such as drama, music, athletics and student government.

FRANK'S SWIM SCHOOL
221-2690
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Swim School has served the community for twenty-three years. Our program includes Parent and Tot, 3 months to two years, Red Cross and Royal Life courses and a recreational swim team. Our Kodick pool is 91C water temperature and the large pools are 87C.

FREE TORAH HIGH SCHOOL
3524 Bathurst St.,m 782-4426
Free Torah High School (FTHS), which is sponsored by NCSY, is a unique afternoon program specifically designed for public high school students in grades 9-13. Over the span of several years, FTHS has provided hundreds of students from all across Toronto with the special opportunity of enhancing their Jewish identity and appreciating the power of Torah wisdom. What attracts many students to FTHS is its unique informal setting, which not only creates as conducive and comfortable environment for learning, but also allows for Jewish friends from various sections of Toronto to meet each other and get involved in other exciting functions. No previous Jewish education is required for this program.

GAN YELADIM DAY CARE CENTRE (Beth Emeth Synagogue)
100 Elder St., 638-1796
Director: Shelley Wise. Non-profit. Students: 60, ages 18 mths.-9 yrs. Student/staff ratio: 18 mths.-2/ yrs. 5/1; 2½-5 yrs. 8/1; 6-9 yrs. 12/1. Hours: 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Program: toddlers, preschool and "after 4" school aged program. Comments: Gan Yeladim provides children 18 mths-5 yrs. with quality, full day child care Judaic content is an integral part of our daily program. A hot kosher lunch and 2 nutritious snacks are provided daily. Gan Yeladim transports children attending local Jewish and public schools to the centre for after-school care. School-aged children attend Gan Yeladim full days on school P.D. days and holidays.

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HILLEL CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP
153 Maplewood Ave., 658-0528
Contact: Dawn Yager. Hillel Children's Workshop is a co-operative Jewish Sunday school where parents and children explore Jewish traditions, history and culture, we are committed to small classes and quality teachers. Since 1974 membership in our non-profit organization has involved parental responsibilities. Weekly sessions for the parents run concurrently with the children's classes. Religion is a family concern.

HOMEWORK HAVEN
157 Willowdale Ave., 222-0631
Recently started in Willowdale is the Homework Haven 101 Club at Willow Wood School. This new service is designed to assist students with homework completion and study skills. It operates from 4-6 p.m., Monday through Thursday with payment being based on a pay-per-visit structure. Discounts are available for packages of dates. The club was begun as an economical means to assist parents in that nightly battle over homework. Students are taught the basics of homework management and are encouraged to assume responsibility for their assignments. Homework Haven 101 is a valuable resource at a low price within our community.

I.L. PERETZ SCHOOLS
471 Lawrence Ave., 787-2081
Director: Karl Langbord. Offers Yiddish and Hebrew secular education for elementary and high school students. Also offers evening classes for adults in conversational Yiddish. Affiliated with the Toronto Board of Jewish Education. Classes for children held Sunday mornings, 9:30-1 p.m.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE SCHOOL AND DAYCARE
4588 Bathurst St.
Contact: Sarah Atkinson, 631-5651
Our school offers half-day programs for children 3-5 years of age and daycare for children 2 months — 5 years of age. Exploring and enjoyment of Jewish culture will be experienced as an integral part of our program.

J & F HOME DAY CARE SERVICES INCORPORATED
211 Consumers Rd., Suite 104, 494-5898
Contact Fran. J & F Home Day Care services incorporated is a licenced, non-profit supervised agency, established in 1979. We presently have sixty homes in the North York, North Toronto, Thornhill, Richmond Hill and Scarborough areas. Times of operation depends on individual needs. We have a ratio of five children maximum, with a restriction of two under the age of two. This is not a babysitting situation but an educational program within a smaller ratio. Our providers have all completed a thirteen week course through Canadian Mother Craft.

KADIMA SCHOOL
100 Elder St., 635-0640
Contact: Ruth Kelman. The Kadima School is an educational facility that meets the needs of the developmentally handicapped from ages 8 to adulthood. Besides the core Judaic curriculum, the programs includes a synagogue service, music and arts and crafts. Sukkot, Chanukah and Pesach are celebrated with services, a luncheon and entertainment. Classes meet on Sunday mornings.

KENTON TINY TOTS
Edithvale Community Centre
Kenton Tiny Tots is a morning co-op program sponsored by North York Parks and Recreation. The program provides a warm, stimulating child-centred learning environment. Kosher snacks and Jewish festivals are observed. In fall '93 an afternoon program will be offered for Kindergarten aged children three days per week. Summer 1993 Kamp Kenton will offer fun and adventure five days per week. For information call: Lisa 730-9551 (evenings) or Lori 512-6678.

KOLEL: A CENTRE FOR LIBERAL JEWISH LEARNING
1520 Steeles Ave. W., Suite 113
660-3154
Director: Elyse Goldstein. Kolel is an adult education centre for university age and up; dedication to in-depth serious Jewish learning. Here is a new gathering place for those seeking to study in a progressive egalitarian atmosphere. An affiliate of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, Kolel is a unique opportunity for men and women to examine the traditional texts together from a modern perspective. Programs include semester sessions, week long mini-course, monthly singles programs and a summer kallah.

KREATIVE KIDS PRESCHOOL
989 Eglinton Ave. W., 781-7871
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THE LEO BAECK DAY SCHOOL
Kenton Campus, 34 Kenton Drive, Willowdale, 222-9220
(J.K.-8) — (Zita Gardner, B.P.H.E., M.Ed., R.J.E., Director); Holy Blossom Temple Campus, 1950 Bathurst St., Toronto, 781-3658 (S.K.-2) Bob Tornberg, R.J.E., Principal. A Reform Jewish Day School with a child-centred approach to learning. Our multifaceted educational program integrates Judaism into our strong academic curriculum. A Leo Baeck education includes: Hebrew and French beginning in Senior Kindergarten; Art; Music; Phys.Ed.; Computers; Guidance. Small Class sizes facilitate personal attention to each student. Our new Campus on Atkinson Avenue, Thornhill, will be opening September, 1994.

LOVING CARE CENTRE
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MAGEN DAVID SEPHARDIC CONGREGATION
10 McAllister Rd., 636-0865
Magen David, an Orthodox sephardic congregation, offers Sunday morning classes for young boys and girls. The classes are an affordable alternative to those families unable to attend day-school programs. Strength in Hebrew reading, writing and tradition is emphasized by qualified and experienced educators. All backgrounds and levels welcome.

MAIMONIDES COLLEGE
P.O. Box 6510, Station A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1X4, 961-1527
A Bachelor of Arts in Judaica program with the co-operation of McMaster University and other provincial universities. Maimonides College combines advanced Jewish learning with university level general studies programs. Classes are held during the evening at Eitz Chaim Schools: For women at 1 Viewmount Ave. and Clark & York Hill Blvd.; and for men at 475 Patricia Ave.

MENORAH NURSERY
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MORRIS WINCHEVSKY SCHOOL
585 Cranbrooke Ave., 789-5502
Principal: Maxine Hermolin. Affiliation: Secular. Students: ages 5-13. Classes: Sun. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Special programs/features: alternative secular Jewish program including Jewish history, literature, Yiddish culture, Family Sunday celebrations of Jewish holidays, secular b'nai mitzvah/graduation. Comments: Jewish history emphasizes the struggles for freedom and equality in the past and relates those events to present-day struggles of all people for civil and social rights. Jewish heritage presented in a secular humanistic framework.

NETIVOT HATORAH DAY SCHOOL
55 Yeomans Rd. (Preschool to Grade 4)
210 Wilson Ave. (Grade 5-8)
613 Clark Ave. (Preschool)
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OR HAEMET SEPHARDIC DAY SCHOOL
37 Southbourne Ave., 635-9881
Dean: Rabbi Eliezer Rokach. General philosophy: to provide a religious education in accordance with the Sephardi practice and compatible in structure with the rabbinical concept of Orthodoxy. Extra subjects: music, computers, home economics. Special Education services: remedial services.

PLAY LEARN PRESCHOOL INC.
9741 Bayview Ave. 737-3336
Director: Solomon Jakabovitz. Licenced and recommended by the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Play Learn Preschool caters to the Jewish population in York region, offering a parents and tots program, nursery, Junior Kindergarten, and summer camp. The goal of the preschool is to help children interact in a positive way with both peers and adults, while building self-esteem and confidence. The joys of being Jewish are carefully transmitted through hands-on activities such as a weekly Kabalat Shabbat, making latkas for Chanukah, and visiting the synagogue. Through these and other methods we form an awareness and love for people and for Eretz Israel.

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SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL
St. Andrew's Jr. High School, 131 Fenn Ave., 731-7066
Principal: Karen Levy. Affiliation: International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews. Students: 115, ages 4 - 17. Grades: K. K. - Youth program, weekly; youth (13 - 17) twice per month. Special programs/features: special program for adolescents; family oneg and holiday celebrations; bar/bat mitzvah program; annual North American Youth Conference. Comments: A non-theistic humanistic

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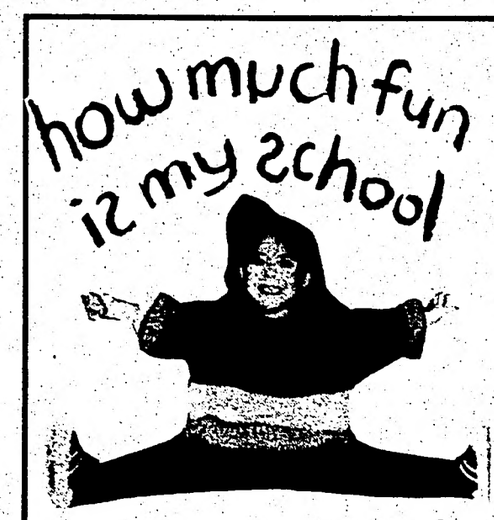

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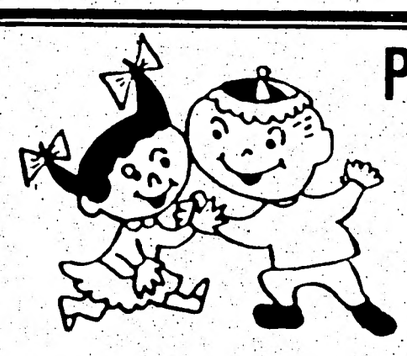
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SHAAREI BETH EL CONGREGATION
186 Morrison Rd., Oakville, 849-6000
Principal: Baruch Dov Browns. Affiliation: Reform & Conservative. Students: 85, ages 3-15. Grades: pre-K,post bar/bat Mitzvah, 2 times wk. (Sun./Wed.). Comments: "We are liberal, yet traditional congregation affiliated with the VAHC (Reform) and the United Synagogue of America (Conservative) with a full-time rabbi and part-time educator. Our families come from Oakville, Burlington, Mississauga and vicinity."

SHAAR SHALOM HEBREW SCHOOL
2 Simonston Blvd., 889-0987 or 889-4975
Principal: Rabbi Lawrence Troster. An afternoon school affiliated with the Toronto Board of Jewish Education and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. Classes held at Leslie and Cummer, serving children from Thornhill and Don Mills. Classes held once, twice or three times a week from Kindergarten through Grade 7. The school is under the guidance of Rabbi H. Markose, spiritual leader of Shaar Shalom Synagogue (Conservative), and reflects the philosophy of the congregation.

SHE'ARIM HEBREW DAY SCHOOL
100 Elder St., 633-8247
Principal: Dori Levine. Contact person for more information: Dori Levine or Marilyn Maierovitz. Affiliation: community school. Philosophy: She'arim provides special education setting for children with learning difficulties, focusing on the needs of the whole child, in academic, social, organizational and related areas, for both Judaic and general studies. Extra subjects: gym, guidance, arts integrated program, movement therapy. Special education services: Feuerstern instrumental enrichment; art therapy, parent support group. Comments: She'arim caters to the needs of all segments of the community. She'arim offers a small class setting of fewer than 10 students, and individualized attention.

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TEMPLE SINAI NURSERY SCHOOL
210 Wilson Ave., 487-3281
Director: Yonah Ander. Affiliation: Temple Sinai. Students: 160, ages 2-5. Students/staff ration: 1:8 for ages 3-5. 1:3 for age 2. Hours: 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Programs: Come Play With Me — parent and tot program for ages 12-24 months. Kiddie Ko-op — 2 or 3 days a week option for 2 year olds. Nursery - 5 half day program. Junior Kindergarten - 5 half day programs. Our school is a co-operative school where parents are actively involved in our program. New this year - Afternoon Mini-Programs. 1 hour program for 8 weeks for ages 3-5. Magic of Science, Cooking, Hop Skip and Jump, Theatre and Sunrise Sunset are just a few of our special programs.

THE CENTRE FOR JEWISH STUDIES AT YORK UNIVERSITY
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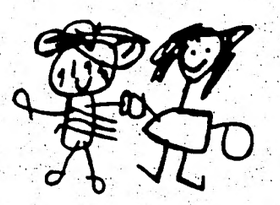
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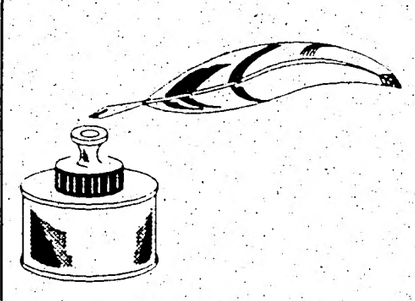

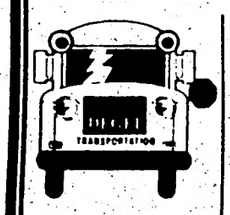

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By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Last year's Report on Education featured a first look at four Toronto youngsters whose names were suggested to The CJN by their Jewish schools — Eitz Chaim Day School (Chaim Greenwald), Bet Sefer B'Yachad — Temple Emanu-El's supplementary school (Alison Bresver), Bialik (Jacob Korenblum) and Associated Hebrew Schools (Naomi Emerson). All four students in this long-term series (to be wrapped up in the year 2000) were then within a year of their bar/bat mitzvah. Intelligent and articulate, they represent a variety of backgrounds within the Jewish community.

We discuss their concerns, ambitions and ideas in our first update.

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Chaim Greenwald

Of the four students, Chaim Greenwald has experienced the greatest change over the past year. No longer a student at Eitz Chaim, the 14-year-old is now a Grade 9 student at a Milwaukee yeshivah, the Wisconson Institute of Torah Studies (WITS), where his dormitory roommates are from Los Angeles and Memphis. Chaim's older brother is also a student at the school.

Chaim enjoys dorm life and doesn't even mind doing his own laundry, although he says that it gives him a new understanding of the amount of work his mother has to do at home.

Chaim's schoolday begins at 7:30 with pre-breakfast prayers. Jewish studies run from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. with a break for lunch and Bekius (a type of Talmud study) until 2 p.m. A full program of secular studies takes up the afternoon until 7 p.m. After supper, the students review Gemarah and daven evening prayers until 9 p.m. Friday is a shortened day, and Sunday morning is devoted to Hebrew studies, which they review in pairs on Sunday evening.

"It's a big adjustment," says Chaim, who says he is very happy at the yeshivah. "If you don't have homework, you have time to have fun," he explains.

What constitutes fun at WITS? Going to the mall on Friday afternoon or Sunday afternoon is a typical outing, says Chaim. Movies are forbidden, as is rock music. Chaim listens to Jewish music, news and sports. He also plays basketball with his school league once a week, and further activity is provided through weekly outings to the JCC.

Every third Shabbat students are permitted to leave the yeshivah to spend Shabbat with an Orthodox family. Chaim doesn't mind the restrictions, because he understands them to be "really good rules" that will help him to reach his potential as a Jew. "It's pretty serious here. It's hard for people who are used to going to movies," he says.

Chaim's earnest attitude belies the fact that "of course kids fool around," but he prefers not to elaborate on the subject.

Living in the United States has made Chaim feel "a lot more patriotic to Canada. He notes, incredulous, that "...Americans don't know who Brian Mulroney is." News about Canada tends to be scarce, but Chaim keeps up with news from Israel by listening to the radio, reading the newspaper and checking out articles posted in the yeshivah. He hesitates when asked about the 415 expelled Palestinians, explaining that he can see both points of view. Chaim followed the World Series avidly, and attended Game 4 when he was in Toronto for Sukkot.

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Alison Bresver

Coincidentally, Alison Bresver also forged a Wisconson connection this year, when she spent one month at the Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI), a Reform Jewish summer camp in Oconomowoc, Wisconson.

Not counting religious school, it was her first experience where all the participants were Jewish, and she looks forward to returning next summer. "We are a lot alike," she says of her American counterparts. "We're all Reform Jews. We all care quite a bit about our religion. I feel more Jewish [now that I've been there]."

Her Jewish identity was also strengthened by her bat mitzvah, held last spring at Temple Emanu-El. She continues to study at the temple's religious school, although now that she is in Grade 8, she only attends classes on Sunday morning, not three days a week.

Alison was a recent award-winner in the annual Grade 8 debate contest sponsored by the Reform Educators' Council of Toronto. She was assigned to defend the resolution that peace in the Middle East can only take place if the West Bank and Gaza Strip are returned.

As a result of that experience and the research involved in preparing for the debate, Alison is convinced that it is in Israel's best interest to return that land. "Nothing's working as it is," she says. "They're still fighting. Everyone thinks Israelis are the bad people, the instigators of all the wars. I think it would reverse their image if they gave back the land." She feels Israel's security would not be jeopardized because it would have the support of other countries.

Alison is in her last year of French immersion at Glenview Public School. She would like to start Grade 9 in the enriched program at Northern Secondary School, and is thinking about following in her parents' footsteps to pursue a career in law or psychology.

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Jacob Korenblum

Jacob Korenblum, in his final year at Bialik Hebrew Day School, is also considering the enriched program at Northern Secondary School, although he hasn't ruled out Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

Music has played a large part in Jacob's life, and last summer he travelled to England and France for a four-week, 14-concert tour with the Toronto Children's Chorus. The students were billeted with families for part of the time, and Jacob thrived on the experience.

"I really liked France because I could use my French," he says. "It's a totally different culture. I learned a lot, and people wanted to know a lot about Canada."

Jacob's knowledge of current events is impressive. "I understand the basic terms of the referendum, but I think a lot of people didn't under-

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Naomi Emerson

stand it so well," he says. Jacob's information comes from history class, television news (which he watches on CBC almost every night), *Time* magazine, and, when he has time, *The Globe and Mail*, which he says he sometimes has to fight his parents for in the morning. He dates his avid interest in news back to the Gulf War. "When Iraq invaded Kuwait, I didn't think it was that significant, because I wasn't that informed," he recalls.

Jacob feels that Israel's recent expulsion of 415 Palestinians was "really drastic. They could have done it more gradually, maybe taken 10 at a time. Maybe they wanted the world to see what was happening, but it backfired."

Despite his interest in politics, Jacob "definitely" doesn't want to be a politician. "You're under so much scrutiny that anything you do wrong will cause you to have a bad reputation forever. I think I might want to be a professor, maybe a historian, but I think it's too early to tell."

Jacob has ruled out a professional career in music, although he'd like to continue at an amateur level. Having worked with professional musicians as part of the choir, he realizes that it's a tough living, "unless you're really good."

Following his trip to Europe, Jacob decided to leave the choir before his voice changes and he no longer has a choice. He plans to maintain his involvement through the choir's alumni association, and has taken up flute, which he practises for 30 minutes a day.

Leaving the choir has also freed Jacob up to resume swimming lessons, and he is working on his Bronze medallion. He is still an enthusiastic skier, and is serving as literary editor of his school yearbook.

"I don't feel much different than last year," says Jacob. "Religiously I'm considered more mature." Jacob celebrated his bar mitzvah in September at Beth Torah Congregation. He recalls his bar mitzvah weekend as fun because of all the celebration and fulfilling because he'd been working on it for so long. He feels more involved when he attends services now, usually for the bar mitzvahs of friends.

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More coincidences. It turns out Naomi Emerson and Alison Bresver were in a playgroup together as toddlers. They met again at the bar mitzvah of a mutual friend last year.

Naomi, like Jacob, is working on her school yearbook. She is editor of the news reporting section. Now in Grade 8 at Associated, Naomi is still considering a career in journalism.

Another possibility, inspired in part by a day and a half-long outing to Camp Reena this past summer when Naomi attended Camp Moshava, is working with handicapped children. "At first I was a little nervous," Naomi says of the experience. "I didn't know what to say, but after a while I forgot that they were different."

Naomi has a variety of interests, including basketball and acting (she will appear as one of the orphans in Associated's production of *Annie* in February). She placed second in a school speech contest last year when she discussed child abuse. She has just finished reading a book called *Murphy's Boy*, a true story about a boy who had stopped talking because of child abuse, written by a social worker. "Books like that inspire me," says Naomi.

Naomi watches the news every day, and is especially interested in events in Israel, where she has close relatives. She is concerned that "the whole world seems to be against Israel. The United States and the United Nations seem to think the Arabs will not harm Israel." Naomi disagrees. "I don't think the peace talks are going anywhere," she says. She supports Israel's expulsion of 415 Palestinians. "You can't just ignore them," she says.

Naomi plans to attend Ulpanat Orot, an Orthodox girls' high school, next year. "I live a very sheltered life," she says of the Jewish milieu which surrounds her. Aside from a few neighbors, she doesn't really know any non-Jews. "In a way it's good being sheltered," posits Naomi, "but some people could be naive [as a result]. I'm sure I don't know as much about what's going on with non-Jewish people and how they feel [as I could]."

Naomi is concerned about racism, and she is quick to point out that she doesn't only mean anti-Semitism. "I don't like seeing anyone suffering," she says.

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Then-grade 8 students Stephen Raphaeli (left) and Shawn Altro show off their contribution to last year's Associated Hebrew Schools' annual science fair.

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'Ultra-Orthodox' education thrives for children

By LEILA SPEISMAN

You see them up and down Bathurst Street, the boys wearing hats and dark suits, the girls in long skirts and modest blouses with elbow-covering sleeves and high collars.

They are the children of, for want of a better term, the "ultra-Orthodox" community. Their education aims, besides educating them, to acculturate them into that community.

("Ultra-Orthodox" is not a term popular on any side of the religious spectrum. The Orthodox consider that it implies there are different levels of Orthodoxy, while those unsympathetic to Orthodoxy use it pejoratively to imply a certain fanaticism.)

Yeshiva Gedolah, on Bathurst Street just south of Lawrence, has grown in its five years from 14 boys in one class to just under 100 students in high school and the bais medresh (a kind of post-high school institution of higher learning).

Rabbi Chaim Mendel Brodsky, the rosh yeshiva of Yeshiva Gedolah, explained that the school operates on very traditional lines, with the emphasis being on the thorough study of Talmud, much of it in a chevrusah situation.

Chevrusah, studying with a partner, is extensively used at all levels of yeshiva education, and is considered beneficial for both parties.

Rabbi Brodsky said that the partnership does not stay the same. Sometimes the pair is on the same level. Other times, one is higher, which may mean smarter, more experienced, or older, depending on the situation.

Through this method, Rabbi Brodsky said, the student gradually learns to study on his own. Meanwhile, the give and take, argument and counter-argument, acts as a stimulant to both of them.

Yehoshua Cole (left) and Haim Shimon Plotnick study using the chevrusah method.

The better student, he added, is expected to help the less capable. This not only helps bring out the full potential in each boy, but teaches the mitzvah of chesed, kindness and compassion.

The day is long, beginning with davening at 7:25 a.m., followed by a lecture on halacha, breakfast, chevrusah studying until lunch, then more classses and studying until 4:45, when there is a short break.

Supper is at 7 p.m., followed by more studying until late at night.

Secular subjects, accredited by the Ontario Ministry of Education are taught from 5 to 7 p.m. The boys earn 15 academic credits, enough for a certificate of education, although some earn the remaining 15 leading to an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, during the month-long summer break.

"Achievement in Jewish studies," said Rabbi Brodsky, "requires total devotion."

While the boys pick up a good deal in their English studies, he said, they must have the feeling that they are totally immersed in Jewish studies.

Although the school day is long, it is not the ordeal it may appear, Rabbi Brodsky added, because, unlike a regular classroom, there is movement, talking, and general letting off steam.

Sports are played during breaks and on Friday afternoons, and, he said, they have a natural interest in the world around them.

The main goal of schools like Yeshiva Gedolah, said the rabbi, is "to make the study of Torah so ingrained, that a day won't go by without making Torah study a natural part of the day."

Rabbi Brodsky considers the yeshiva education healthy. "When they come to deal with the world, they can deal with it from a firm foundation, from a healthier standpoint."

The girls' counterpart to Yeshiva Gedolah is Beth Jacob High School, on Lawrence just east of Bathurst. Recently renovated, enlarged and modernized, it holds 270 students, including 12 attending the seminary, a teachers' training/advanced study section of the school.

'Education is pursuit of duty'

Rabbi Akiva Stefansky, principal of the school, explained that "the learning of Torah per se is not a commandment for women.

"The real goal is to teach them (the students) to use all their resourses, personal and environmental to get to heaven."

Each individual Jew, he said, has been put here for a purpose, to fulful his or her mission.

The guidelines are found in the Torah, he said, and we must perform its commandments and desist from what is prohibited in order to fulfil the Divine plan.

"Our education is the pursuit of our duty," he said. "There is much more satisfaction from doing our duty than from satisfying our selfish transitory desires."

On a more mundane level, the aim of the school, he said, is to teach temperance, humility, self esteem, self control and self reliance.

The teachers, he said, see their job as a sacred mission, not as a trivial means of making a living, and there is a close relationship between the faculty and students.

Upon completing their studies at Beth Jacob, the girls may go to Israel, and/or the seminary.

If they do not choose to be teachers, Beth Jacob tries to find them alternate means of earning a living, outside of university or community college life, as the school considers those environments to be "corrosive."

Although both Rabbi Brodsky and Rabbi Stefansky recognize that their students will be exposed to a world different, and in many respects opposed to that of the school, they feel that the educational system they espouse will both protect the students from harm and guide them in the way they should go.

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Choosing the right preschool means doing a little homework

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Most parents feel guilty the first time they leave their child, sometimes crying, at preschool but if they have done their homework they should feel confident they've chosen the right place. How do you score an A on this assignment?

"When you've narrowed down a few schools, call them and arrange to have you and your child spend some time, preferably an entire morning, in class. You can usually decide within the first ten minutes whether it is a good environment," says Goldie Plotkin, director, Torah Tots Preschool.

She says that the one of the first things parents should look for is whether the room is well lit and full of bright, imaginative art work. "I like to see children's art on the walls and I always like to make sure the work is not identical.

"It is important for a school to stress individualism. Children should create what they feel, not necessarily what the teacher wants to see. Artwork is a wonderful way for children to express their feelings. When I see many different pieces of work, I know that each child is being treated as an individual."

Yona Ander, supervisor, Temple Sinai Nursery School agrees that "parents absolutely must visit the school. Spend a day and get to know your surroundings and how the teachers interact with both the kids and the parents. A school's doors should always be open. If parents are not welcome in the school then something is definitely wrong. An open-door policy means that the school has nothing to hide."

When in the classroom, check if all the equipment is in good condition, says Ander. "Look and see if there are any broken toys that could cause some harm and make sure they are age appropriate. Watch the other children to see if they are able to walk around without inhibitions — if they feel comfortable and safe in the whole room. A lot of different centres such as an art, water or doll centre means that the children are given choice and their minds are being stimulated.

She says that schools split up classes differently and it is important for parents to check that out. "Some split classes by age so that, for instance, the young threes are in one class and the older threes are in another. You know your child and therefore you should know whether he or she interacts better with slightly older or younger children. The younger threes are often positively challenged by being in a class with children a little bit older."

Plotkin says that all licensed schools must have their programs posted on the wall. "What do you want for your child? Do you want a lot of music and art or do you want to see academics stressed. Check the schedule and ensure the school is offering a mix that will make you and your child happy."

Above all, says Plotkin, make sure the teachers are kind, approachable and caring. "A teacher who stresses caring and sharing will get through to the kids. In our school we have a mitzvah tree, upon which we hang positive notes about the children. This even spreads to the home because if a child knows his mother is going to send a mitzvah note to school, he will want to co-operate and help out."

She adds that parents should pay attention to how the teachers greet other parents and kids when they come to school. "I like parents to come in for a minute, say hello and tell me if anything is going on with their child that day. Each child should be greeted cheerfully and made to feel welcome the minute they step through the door."

Ander stresses that lots of encouragement, praise and love create children with high self-esteem. "If children feel good about themselves they will be happy. Make sure that any school you choose places your child's needs first."

Funding cuts taking toll

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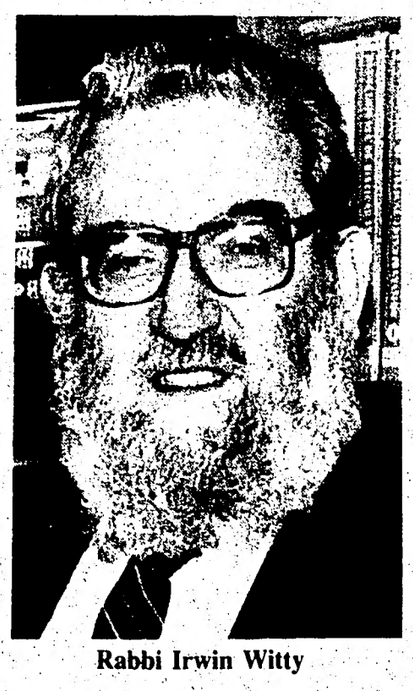
In that year, 2,292 children — or 37.3 percent of those in grades 1-13 in day schools — received assistance. In 1990-91, when the recession hit, that figure grew to 2,448, or 39.3 percent. In 1991-92, 2,663 (41.8 percent) were receiving help and in 1992-93, the figure grew to 2,770, or 43 percent.

The 1990-91 school year was also the first year where the day schools experienced a funding shortfall, amounting to $507,000, Shoub said. The previous two years, schools had returned surplus funds totalling about $475,000 to the federation, Shoub added.

The schools themselves were forced to make up the shortfall, through increased tuition levies, a reduction in services and increasing deficits.



Rabbi Irwin Witty

The financial situation has raised fears in some quarters that the school system will eventually be transformed into a program for those who are well off and who can afford to pay the full tuition fees.

Meanwhile, the federation has struck a Commission on Jewish Education to study the school system. The 11-person commission, chaired by Ronald Appleby, has received 36 briefs from institutions and individuals, said Jay Brodbar, the federation professional staffing the commission.

The commission is studying funding schemes, the co-ordination of services, pooling of resources, joint programs and educational trips to Israel, all in the context of the community's overall educational objectives, Brodbar said.

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Peer counselling allows students to help students

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

The guidance departments of two Jewish high schools, the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) and the Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim, introduced peer counselling to their students this year.

Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz, director of Guidance Services at CHAT, a co-educational high school, says the peer counselling program brings junior and senior students together to discuss such subjects as the credit system, electives, how to choose courses for the following year and prerequisites for university courses. The peer counsellors are particularly trained to help other students at the school who may be dealing with problems they prefer to discuss with a peer, rather than an adult.

At yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim, a high school for boys, students from grades 9 to 13 applied to become peer helpers. Each of the boys has been interviewed and, on acceptance into the program, will receive training in listening and interpersonal skills.

Along with planning programs of interest for the student body, the peer helpers will provide assistance to their classmates and "bring to the attention of professional staff anyone who is having problems," explained Dr. Norman Smith, principal of general studies at the yeshiva.

Guidance services at CHAT and the general studies department at Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim and, its sister high school, Ulpanat Orot Girls' School, provide both academic and personal counselling for their students.

CHAT has a student population of nearly 600 and two full-time guidance counsellors on staff. The school's guidance services operates some of its programs in conjunction with Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) and the Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS).

Bnei Akiva schools with a student body of about 175, and without a formal guidance department, run their guidance program solely with the assistance of JVS and JF&CS.

CHAT's sudents come from the spectrum of the Jewish community, while the young people who attend the other high schools are from the Orthodox segment.

For grades 11 and 12 students, CHAT and JVS offer a mini-course in career education. After taking a test called the Self-Directed Search to determine their career interests, students explore the results with a JVS representative. "They are taught how to network, to find various people who do those jobs, to interview those people to find out more information," said Rabbi Sacknovitz.

For young people who want to apply to a U.S. university, the school administers the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), a criterion for admission to universities there.

As part of their annual career day, the high school is developing a speaker's program and a job shadowing program. Students will be matched with people who work in fields the young people wish to find out more about. "They can spend time with these individuals to find out what these people really do," Rabbi Sacknovitz explained.

Options explained

He said students in grades 9 and 10 receive in-class academic counselling on an on-going basis. Guidance counsellors explain what the credit system is, what the options are, how to choose courses for the following year and what prerequisites are necessary for university courses.

The younger students he said, get academic counselling at the beginning of the school year and again in February when they have to choose courses, and they receive additional academic counselling whenever the staff feels it necessary. Grade 11 and 12 students have three 75-minute periods of academic-related guidance over a three-week period each year.

Rabbi Sacknovitz does the religious counselling at CHAT, which includes discussing religious issues with the students.

CHAT's guidance services also offer personal counselling for young people who may need to talk to someone about any problems they have outside of school. Difficulties with families, difficulties with peers and the normal teenage problem kids go through bring students to a counsellor, according to the rabbi.

Family problems

He said young people with family problems who require additional counselling may be referred to a social worker from JF&CS, and, if the need arises, a student can be referred to a psychologist or a psychiatrist.

For grades 11 and 12, CHAT, along with the JF&CS, runs a program on relationships, centred on male/female issues, power and dating.

Those in the senior grades at Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim and the Ulpanat Orot Girls' Schools take the Jackson Vocational Interest Survey to help them determine their career interests. A person from JVS explains the results to them, says Smith.

He said grades 11 and 12 students take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), a test usually administered in the United States to help students find out how they will do in the SAT. "It helps us to understand someone's academic potential and helps in deciding what courses to advise them to take," he explained.

If a student who intends to go to a Canadian university does exceptionally well on PSAT, the results would be submitted with his or her university application. "It would enhance a student's application because the Canadian universities are aware of the test," Smith pointed out.

He said that this year a speaker from a university will talk to the students of the schools about university requirements and the consequences of taking certain courses as opposed to others.

Individual guidance sessions are available to students requiring assistance completing university applications and needing advice about application procedures for universities in Canada, United States and Israel.

Smith said a career day program, to take place in early March, is now in the works for both schools. As at CHAT, students will be matched with adults, in this case parents and alumni, who work in fields the young people want more information about.

Grades 9 and 10 students receive general academic counselling, to help them adjust to high school and to teach them study skills. "We have a very strong study skills program," he stated.

Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot Girls' School present an annual college night in which a panel of representatives from various universities speak to parents and students from all grades. That way parents of students in grades 9 and 10 know what's ahead, Smith explained.

The high schools' religious counselling program includes a weekend at a lodge. "The Judaic studies teacher can talk to students informally, which is a very effective way of doing religious counselling," said Smith.

As far as personal counselling goes, he said, teachers of both schools received training in how to deal with home issues, such as divorce, illness and death, that affect students at school. "If kids have issues they want to talk about, there's someone to talk to."

He said any student who requires personal counselling may be referred to a professional at JF&CS.

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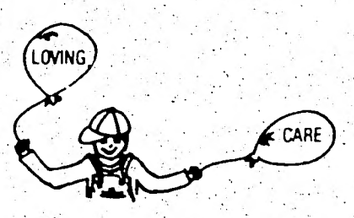

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Choosing the right day care

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

Years ago day care used to be synonymous with baby-sitting, however, today day care centres are staffed with qualified early childhood educators and going to day care is synonymous with going to school, says Shelley Wise of Gan Yeladim Day Care Centre.

"As a parent, I would look for the staff's educational qualifications, which should be posted at the centre," says Wise. "You want to walk into a day care centre and see children happy and busy and see the staff interacting warmly with the children."

Sadie Domb, of B'nai Shalom Day Nursery, and Deborah Weinberg, of the Loving Care Day Care Centre, agree that parents who plan to enroll their children in day care centres ought to look for teachers who radiate warmth.

Domb says staff must really love children, aside from their educational qualifications. "You can feel it yourself or your child can feel it."

Weinberg says that good day care teachers are outgoing and affectionate. "You've got to be able to sit on the floor and give hugs and kisses. You've got to be comfortable with hugs and kisses," she states.

Wise says it is also important that teachers in the centre are happy and like one another. "If teachers are happy, children are happy," she says. Happy teachers share their activities and ideas, according to Wise, which results in a free flow in a day care centre.

Weinberg says the best way to start looking for a day care centre is to begin with a referral from a family member. "That's a sign it must be an okay place." Then parents ought to check the reputation of the day care centre and make sure the centre has a low staff turnover.

Domb recommends that parents make an appointment for an interview with the supervisor of the day care centre they are considering. "So you can see the program in action, not just the premises," she explains.

She suggests that parents take the child to the interview, so they can see if the child has taken to the atmosphere of the centre. "The child is sometimes attracted like a magnet if it is the right atmosphere for the child," she points out.

Domb says parents should be sure that the day care centre offers many different indoor activities, including an exercise program, which might include creative movement. She recommends that they check for an arts and crafts area, a library, toys, blocks and puzzles and look for displays of children's work on bulletin boards.

Parents also ought to watch the staff of the centre interacting with the children when they play outdoors, she says.

Outdoor play important

Domb emphasizes the importance of outdoor play, commenting that it gives children the opportunity to develop their gross motor skills. "It is very important that children get their fresh air. They need to be able to run around. They need time to exert their energies."

Domb asks parents to assess their needs. Are they sending their children to a day care centre strictly for a Hebrew curriculum and an introduction to Jewish holidays and customs? Or for the purpose of socialization? Or because both parents work full-time? "They have to set the goals," she says.

Domb points out further that parents must decide if their child is to be enrolled in a half, three-quarter or a full-day program.

If a child's first language is not English, she recommends that parents select a day-care centre that is staffed with at least one teacher who speaks the child's first language. That would increase the child's comfort with the day care situation.

Wise says parents should prepare a list of questions for the supervisor to answer at the first interview and she urges them to see if the day care centre's programs are posted.

When parents are selecting a Jewish day care centre, she says, they ought to find how much Jewish content there is. Wise says that some Jewish day care centres provide little Jewish content, nor do they necessarily offer kosher food.

She recommends that parents check that the day care centre is licensed by the province of Ontario. "The licence is a poster which is posted in the day care centre and that has a list of requirements that are met or not met. You should see that the requirements are met," she explains.

Regarding the safety of the outdoor play equipment, Wise maintains, "With the day care being licensed, those are concerns you shouldn't have."

If a day care centre has spaces that are subsidized by the municipality, then a parent can be sure the centre is well-equipped, she says.

"Regulations are very rigid," she explains. "They do spot checks."

Wise says a day care centre should be spotlessly clean in the mornings when parents drop off their children, and at noon it should look as if the children have been busy. "When parents come to pick up their kids in the evening, a good day care centre should look like a bomb exploded because the kids have been busy," she says.

Parents are advised to make sure the day care serves nutritious food. Wise suggests they find out if the centre uses powdered or real juices and that they check to see children get a lot of vegetables and fresh fruits during the day.

Domb says parents ought to look for variety in the day care centre's menu and, generally, for plentiful wholesome food.

She adds that parents who want subsidized day care should plan well ahead. She encourages parents not to be put off by the long waiting lists for subsidized day care since officials of the municipality of York Region, at least, say the future will not be so bleak.

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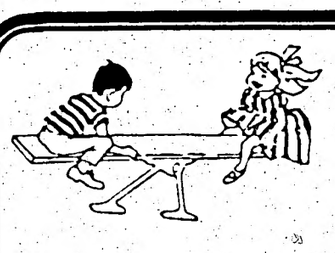

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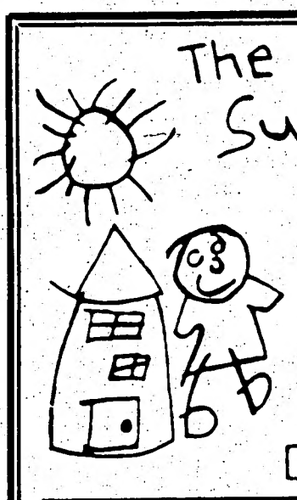

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Positive approach stressed

By RANDI DRUZIN

Leo Baeck education director Zita Gardner with junior kindergarten students.

Stricken with polio, William Moffat needed two canes to walk around the school where he taught. But all his students, especially one, revered him in spite of his disability.

"It was a struggle for him just to move," Zita Gardner says, remembering her Grade 7 teacher. "But he ran practically all of the athletic activities in our school. He got me involved in sports, and he led to my love of education."

As the recently-chosen director of Leo Baeck Day School in North York, Gardner encourages her teachers to be as positive an influence in their students' lives as William Moffat was in her own.

"I tell our teachers that they're the most important part of their students' education, because it's not so much what students learn as it is the people who teach them. A good teacher makes all the difference."

Gardner likes to spend as much time as she can with students at Leo Baeck because, she says, "I love being with children. That's why I'm in education."

Gardner, who has a bachelor of physical and health education degree and a master of education (administration) degree from the University of Toronto, came to Leo Baeck last August after 30 years as an educator. She recently received the title Reform Jewish Educator (RJE) from the National Association of Temple Educators.

She has taught science and physical education at several secular schools including Vaughan Road Collegiate and has taught religion at Holy Blossom Temple, where she has also sat on the religious education committee, the personnel committee and the board of trustees.

Also, the wife and mother of three has worked for United Synagogue Day Schools as junior high school coordinator, educational services coordinator, and as principal of the Beth Tzedec campus.

"Jewish children benefit a lot by attending Jewish day school," says Gardner, "because they learn in the Hebrew language very well, and because values are the same in the students' classrooms as they are in their homes. When the student body shares a common value base, the educational process is more effective."

Gardner and her teaching staff have encouraged students to "forge links" with the Jewish community, and with other communities in Toronto. For instance, some of the students recently sang Chanukah songs with senior citizens in an intergenerational choir. Also, some students have participated in Shabbat programs at Baycrest, and many Grade 8 students have worked there in volunteer programs established by their teachers in conjunction with Baycrest administrators.

Recently, students were involved in a book fair through which books were donated to an aboriginal women's shelter.

"We want our students to understand the community and to help make it better," Gardner explains.

One of Gardner's major objectives is to forge closer links between parents and educators. "We want to establish ongoing communication between parents and teachers," Gardner says, noting that every teacher on staff called their students' homes during the first week of classes in September, and that parents are helping organize acitivities for Health & Safety Month in February.

Not surprising, much of Gardner's attention of late has been focused on Leo Baeck's upcoming move to a facility in Thornhill which the school will share with the Central Council of Reform Judaism. School administrators have already started raising funds, and construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 1993. "I'm really excited about the move," Gardner enthuses. "One advantage is that children and adults will be together in the same building."

Clearly, Gardner is taking initiatives to ensure that her students' education is as positive an experience as her own was.

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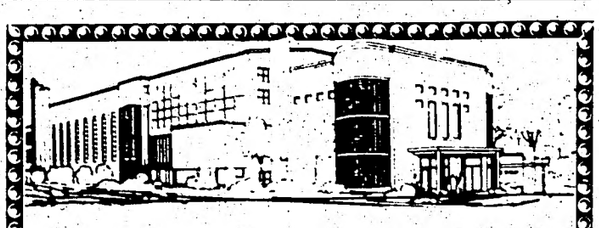

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Art classes allow childen to bring Jewish history to life

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

One thing the parents of Jewish day school students never run out of is Sabbath candleholders or Chanukah menorahs. Every such family has a cupboard crammed with brightly painted and decorated clay or wood creations, brought home from art class every year by proud youngsters.

Expressing holiday rituals and customs is the most obvious facet of the teaching of art at Jewish day schools, but there is much more to it than that.

Some art teachers see their class as a relaxed setting where children are free to weave the Judaic themes and images they learn about in history and Bible classes, into imaginative projects.

"If you constantly force them to do Judaic images, they won't grow to love them. But if left to choose them on their own, they begin to appreciate the visual richness of the symbols," said Paula Davies, who for the past 15 years has taught art to grades 7 and 8 at the Neptune and Leslie branches of Associated Hebrew Day Schools.

Her students agree.

"In regular classes we can only write notes. Here we can draw what we learn. It's not as structured, we can talk, use our imagination," said Danielle Splitter.

"We like doing Jewish themes; it's easy to relate to. Here we make something fun out of what we learn about all day," said Michael Lightstone.

Recent projects include puppets of rabbis and Torah figures, posters advertising a city in Israel and essays on Canadian artists like architect Moshe Safdie.

But art is not confined to the classroom walls. Students also help create the sets for the annual school play; do drawings for the principal's newletter; and this year the parents' committee has asked them to redesign the school crest and logo.

Art at Associated schools also extends into the community.

"I like my students to be involved in the real thing, not just to do art for a mark," said Davies.

In co-operation with the Baycrest Centre, students have made laminated dinner placemats for the senior citizens who get Meals on Wheels.

This year, elderly members of the Jewish community who used to live and work in the Spadina area, will come speak to the students, who will then try to recreate through artwork what that part of the city was like in its heyday.

Ministry issues specific guidelines

The Associated schools' junior high art program meets the Ontario Ministry of Education requirements for a Grade 9 credit.

At the high school level, the ministry issues specific guidelines and objectives for the teaching of art. Half the course is studio work, half is art history: a review of Western art from prehistoric to modern times.

For the studio portion, students pick a theme (such as anger, hands, aging, landscape, etc.) and then must express that theme in drawings as well as either prints, paintings or sculptures.

"In the lower grades, you do a lot of the thinking for them. But at this stage they have to choose the subjects themselves, and that's what art is all about: expressing what interests you, where you are coming from," said Wendy Wilson, who works with Grade 9 and Ontario Academic credit (OAC) students at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT).

Wilson says that often the students are influenced by their experiences in Israel or by the exhibits they have seen in an Israeli museum. For example, the boy who chose the landscape theme worked with photographs he had taken of mountains in Israel. And last year, when students were asked to create a sculpture in a box, dealing with a social or political problem, many of the Israeli pupils portrayed the religious conflicts in Israel.

Art classes at the elementary school level are more freely structured and the individual teacher has more leeway.

Alisa Yehros teaches grades 1 to 8 at the Bayview campus of the United Synagogue Day Schools. A graduate of an art teachers' college in Israel, she uses slides borrowed from the Jewish Board of Education to show the youngsters past traditions of Jewish craftmanship and artistry.

"For Chanukah, the Festival of Light, I showed them Chagall's stained glass windows and we made our own stained plastic windows. I also showed them slides of chanukiot through the centuries, and ancient Maccabi coins, and we made copper relief plates, because I felt that's a medium suitable for Chanukah.

"For Sukkot, we made paper cutouts, because Jewish artists in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries used them as decoration for their sukkahs," Yehros said.

She also inspires the children with slides of illuminated manuscripts of ketubahs (marriage contracts) and Passover haggadahs.

"A lot of Jewish art uses geometrical designs, and plant, flower and bird motifs, and I wanted to give them a taste, a sense of that tradition."

Folk's math really adds up

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Sandy (Klein) Folk is making a difference in the teaching of mathematics at the elementary school level.

She is helping the teachers rethink the way math should be taught and how children should learn it.

A classroom teacher in the public and private sectors who has taught adults and children for more than 20 years, Folk says that for many years she has felt that mathematics needed to be taught in a more meaningful way.

"Children need to be able to construct their own understanding of mathematics — and teachers need to facilitate this process."

By using a problem-solving approach to mathematics, three years ago Folk developed a teacher education project for the North York Board of Education. Her program provides appropriate experience for the teacher to explore new strategies in the problem-solving concept and the techniques required to integrate them within curriculum content.

Folk's mathematics-teaching grew out of a mini-project funded by a grant from the Learning Consortium of the University of Toronto. The goal of the project is to facilitate changes in teachers' classroom practice and to create methods of delivery of relevant classroom mathematics programs.

Students, teachers and principals have been very impressed with the impact of the program. Folk is

Sandy Folk

presently working on similar projects for other school boards. And along with developing the program, she is training a cadre of mentor teachers who can work with colleagues in their own schools.

"They will continue my work in the schools as I move on to work in new schools with teachers," she explains. Folk, who taught at Bialik Hebrew Day School and worked as a supervisor at the Leo Baeck Day School, is presently a freelance educational consultant for the North York Board of Education. She teaches at the U of T's Faculty of Education and she has authored a textbook in mathematics that is used across Canada.

Folk attended Vaughan Road Collegiate and received a master of education degree at the U of T, where she is presently a doctoral candidate.

She explains that she uses an investigative enquiry-based approach along with concrete material. "At the Faculty of Education, my goal is to make prospective teachers comfortable with mathematics and to provide them with experiences so they can go and teach math in a more holistic and meaningful way."

Folk's North York project consists of workshops combined with follow-up sessions that are held on site regularly.

She notes that the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, a respected American and Canadian body of mathematics educators, professors, superintendents and consultants, spent six years developing standards for mathematics, advocating change in the way mathematics is being taught.

Folk agrees with this conclusion. She says that too often children are taught in a textbook-related manner and they need opportunities to become independent problem-solvers.

"I have helped teachers become more comfortable with mathematics and helped them gain more confidence. I have opened their eyes to see that mathematics is practical and real and you can make connections to real life — that learning and teaching math can be fun and enjoyable. It does not have to be a solitary endeavor that you do only from a textbook."

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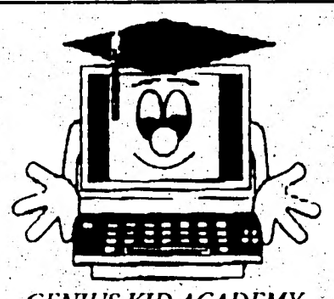

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Teaching the Holocaust

By RANDI DRUZIN

Students learn about the infamous Jewish identification star at the OISE student seminar day at the Holocaust Education Centre.

Elizabeth spent many days during World War II strapped to a table, screaming in agony as she was mutilated by Josef Mengele and other doctors in Hitler's Third Reich.

Today she smiles happily as students embrace her and thank her for sharing her story with their Grade 10 class.

"There was so much hatred then," Elizabeth says, recalling her time in Auschwitz and the sterilization experiments to which she was subjected. "The Germans really wanted us dead. They put us in camps and they killed us. So now, when young people hug me and say, 'I'm really glad you're here,' it makes me feel very special."

Teacher Alf Cowing is as shocked by his students' responsiveness to Elizabeth as they are by her story. "It's more than I had expected," he says, as they line up to meet her. But he explains that "until they heard her story, they had no idea of the amount of physical and emotional damage that was done to Jews during World War II."

Cowling's class is one of many that have learned about the Holocaust through a visit to the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre in Willowdale. The centre, which operates under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, was established to educate people about the Holocaust, and to memorialize its victims.

A display in the centre features pictures of Jewish life before and after the ascendency of Nazi Germany, documents such as cheerful postcards that Jewish deportees were forced to send to inquisitive relatives and artifacts such as a uniform that was worn by an inmate at a concentration camp and part of a Torah that was rescued from a synagogue by a German priest.

High school and junior high school students throughout Canada and the northern United States visit the centre, where they learn about the Holocaust by examining the display, by watching a related slide show and by then hearing the firsthand account of a survivor such as Elizabeth.

But students don't have to visit the centre to learn about the Holocaust. By contacting Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre director Pnina Spetgang, teachers throughout Ontario have arranged for Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress' community relations committee, to conduct a race relations workshop in their classrooms. Spetgang says these workshops have been particularly successful in illustrating the bigoted racial ideology of Nazi Germany.

The centre also conducts panel discussions in the classroom, and has survivors visit the students there.

This year, students will be able to participate in a one-day seminar that commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and features film footage that was taken by a German soldier while travelling through the ghetto.

Spetgang introduces grade school children to the Holocaust through the story of Anne Frank, and through analogical stories about rabbits and forest-dwelling animals. "We tailor our educational material to suit different groups," she explains.

Indeed, the centre educates teachers about the Holocaust through a seminar held every fall, and it offers a class in which adults study works of art created by Holocaust victims.

"Consciousness of the Holocaust is greater now than ever before," says Spetgang. "More teachers feel comfortable with Holocaust material, and they're introducing their students to the Holocaust in many ways, through art classes, through English classes and through other methods."

Most of the teachers and students who visit the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre are gentiles, Spetgang says, noting that Alf Cowling's class, which is from Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School, has no Jewish students.

"The slide presentation and Elizabeth's story has had a profound impact on my students," Cowling enthuses. "It's been a very worthwhile experience."

Talking to Cowling's students has been as worthwhile for Elizabeth as it has been for them. "The first time I talked to students about my experience, I cried," Elizabeth remembers. "I didn't want to do it again. But it's good that I changed my mind. I want to keep people aware. I want to tell them about the Holocaust so that they can see what hatred can do."

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Zareinu caters to special needs

By CYNTHIA GASNER

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"They remain at Zareinu until they can be integrated fully or placed in the regular school system," says Lawrence Cherniak, principal of Zareinu. The school accepts children from 1 year old and up. Most students are placed in other schools before they are 12 years old.

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Cherniak notes that Zareinu was cited nationally as a leader in facilitated communications for austistic children and a leader in sensory integration by CTV.

"Our aim is to encourage the children to make their own choices and to help them move towards independence," explains Cherniak. "Our main goal is that they can fit into the Jewish community and be able to participate in all the rituals."

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The new facilities for Netivot HaTorah Day School take shape. [Alron photo]

Schools heading north

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Three out of the four Hebrew day schools planning permanent locations north of Steeles are confident that their buildings will be ready for student occupancy within the next one or two years.

Arthur Tanenbaum, executive vice-president, Associated Hebrew Schools says that its permanent Thornhill campus now being built under the chairmanship of Louis Greenbaum is moving ahead quite quickly. "Site servicing and evacuation have been completed and foundation work is well under way. The High Holidays and the weather played havoc with our schedule but there has been steady progress and we are on target for occupancy in September, 1994."

Linda Friedman, administrator, Leo Baeck Hebrew Day School, says that they are hoping to break ground and start construction of its new campus on Atkinson Avenue at Campbell Avenue this spring and be ready for a September, 1994 occupancy.

The three-acre site will contain a 40,000 square-foot building that will house the school as well as the administration for the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism. "Leslie and Judy Dan are giving $1 million and Murray, Marvelle and Thomas Koffler are donating $250,000 towards the centre. Parents of Leo Baeck students have committed to paying half the estimated $5 million cost. When completed it will be the focal point for Reform Judaism in Toronto," says Friedman.

The new campus of Netivot HaTorah Hebrew Day School, adjacent to Leo Baeck, is forging ahead nicely according to Alan Steinfeld, school administrator. "The walls are up, the foundation is poured and the tradesmen are on the site. The weather has had some adverse effect on our progress but we still project a September 1993 occupancy."

Rabbi Eliezer Rokach, dean of Or Hemet Hebrew Day School says that the Sephardi community has been hard hit by the recession and it is looking for a patron to help them begin building a permanent location at the corner of Bathurst and Steeles. "We are looking for someone to push us through the beginning hurdles so we can ensure the future existence of our school."

Jack Benquesus, president of Or Hemet and Maurice Benzacar, chairman of the board agree that "hard economic times have not deterred us from putting our dream into reality."

Special needs students helped

By CYNTHIA GASNER

In the Toronto area, Jewish high schools have recognized the need to accommodate students with special needs.

There is additional help for students who have difficulties with the curriculum, for those who recently arrived in Canada with little English or Hebrew background, and for students who enter a Jewish high school without a previous day school background.

From elementary and junior high day schools and schools that provide special programs for children with learning difficulties, the students can enter the Jewish high schools which continue to assist them with their special needs.

Graduates of She'arim Hebrew Day School, for instance, which offers a full Hebrew and general studies program for children with learning disabilities, continue on at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), Ner Israel Yeshiva, Bais Yaakov High School for Girls, and other yeshiva and public high schools, says Dori Levine, principal of She'arim.

At CHAT, a co-educational community high school that is open to students of the Jewish community of all religious orientations who meet the entrance requirements, a number of special programs have been operating successfully for students with special needs.

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Rabbi Howard Sacknowitz, CHAT's guidance director, notes that some of the students from the New Stream program have become rabbis.

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At Bais Yaakov High School for Girls, which accepts students from any background who accept the Orthodox commitment of the school, a special remedial department assists Russian students as well as those who are unable to keep up with regular advanced stream. Students who have poor backgrounds or poorly developed learning skills attend remedial classes during school hours.

For girls who require support for a longer period of time, courses are altered to a general course level and in addition, senior student volunteers work along with those who require additional help.

At the completion of high school, many of the students enter a two-year teacher training course. Rabbi Akiva Stefansky, the principal of Bais Yaakov, says that along with methodology, the teacher training seminars emphasize special education "because it is so important today for the teachers to be equipped to deal with children who have special needs."

He adds that some students are weak because they have emotional problems. "Through extra-curriculum activities, we attempt to build up their self-confidence and self-image."

Ner Israel Yeshiva, with its Bais Hamedresh (undergraduate school) and Kollel (post-graduate school), is recognized as one of the great centres of Torah learning. The yeshiva provides help for weaker students within the system.

Two levels of study in some grades provide an alternative for students who require additional help. Rabbi Yeruchem Kravetz, the Hebrew studies principal, says that few students at Ner Israel require special assistance from outside resources.

Ner Israel has Russian immigrant students who are placed in regular classes. A tutor is provided to help them with English and in the Hebrew department, senior students work with these students, who receive additional help after school classes.

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Jewish studies programs on rise at local universities

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Over the past three decades, there has been a rapid proliferation of courses and programs in Jewish studies at universities throughout the continent.

The University of Toronto (U of T) and York University continue to expand their Jewish studies programs at the undergraduate levels.

Instruction in Hebrew and Judaica, especially in the biblical tradition, has formed part of the curriculum at the U of T for more than 100 years. The creation of the Jewish Studies Program at the U of T in 1965 was a response to the growing recognition that Judaism and Jewish culture in the post-biblical era was worthy of serious scholarly attention as well.

Courses offered at the U of T include languages (Hebrew, Yiddish, Aramaic and Syriac); literature in both the original texts and in translation, Jewish history from the biblical period to the present; and in religion, philosophy and sociology.

Jewish studies may be taken as part of major or specialist programs in such areas as Near Eastern Studies, Religious Studies, History and Philosophy.

U of T undergraduate programs in Jewish Studies provide useful preparation for such fields as primary and secondary teaching, library science, the rabbinate and a large and growing range of positions in Jewish communal services. The university also provides an excellent base for postgraduate study in some aspect of Jewish Studies or a cognate discipline.

Prof. Ronald Sweet, chair of the Department of Near Eastern Studies at U of T, told *The CJN* that in recent years, partly due to the recession, the demand for Jewish studies is down because students are more goal-oriented and professionally minded, entering business, law or medicine. This has affected academic positions and salaries which have eroded.

Two main thrusts

At York University, the Centre for Jewish Studies represents the culmination of nearly a quarter of a century of growth in course offerings, research projects and community-related programs in the area of Jewish learning, notes Sydney Eisen, director of the centre.

Courses at York are available in Hebrew Language and Literature, Jewish Education, Jewish Thought, Biblical Texts, Jewish History, the Jewish Community, the Holocaust, Israel; and North American Jewry.

Prof. Michael Brown, the coordinator of the Jewish Education Program and Hebrew Language Studies, explains that at York, there are two main thrusts in the academic programs: the Jewish studies stream in the Religious Studies program and a joint program of the faculties of Arts and Education. The joint program is for training teachers of Jewish studies for Jewish schools. Students receive certification by both the Board of Jewish Education and the Province of Ontario.

York's Hebrew Teacher Training Program was established in cooperation with the Board of Jewish Education and the Toronto Jewish Congress (now Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto).

Brown says that the university is suffering and requires funding. It is in the early stages of a fundraising campaign. "We hope that people will support the Jewish Studies program locally as they do in Israel and the United States."

He adds that for the first time at the university, a Sephardi studies program has been initiated and we want to do other new things, but we need funding.

Scholarships and awards in Jewish studies are available at both the U of T and York University.

Judaism classes, seminars exploring topical issues

By DOROTHY LICHTBLAU

Statistics tell us that assimilation is rampant among North American Jews. Yet, there is also a tiny explosion of those who, if not exactly returning to the ways of their grandparents, want to connect to their heritage.

In Toronto, persons who have had little or no Jewish training are exploring course choices ranging from an introduction to Kabbalah to the philosophy of the Reconstructionists. The common thread among classes and seminars is that Jewish teachings are presented in modernized packaging. Often they are given catchy, topical titles and provide the opportunity to address such current issues as sexuality, relationships, intimacy, family, law or childrearing. There are also classes which provide fundamental information about holidays, daily rituals, prayers and the Bible.

The style of study has changed somewhat as well. Mark Charendoff, director of the Institute For Jewish Learning at the Jewish Community Centre, describes the Institute's courses, "Now there are more discussion-type classes. This is different from the past, as it gives students a chance to question and challenge. The atmosphere is congenial and casual. No one is pressured to adopt an ideology.

"We have students of all ages and backgrounds, from those just out of high school to retirees," claims Paul Appleby, who, under the auspices of Dr. Joe Greenberg, has organized an education program at Shaarei Tzedec on Markham Street. "Most students haven't had much previous training." Today, Appleby feels, there is a real hunger for spiritual learning and a need to know what Judaism is, beyond bagels and cream cheese.

On one level students simply want to know what "this Jewish stuff" is all about. Jeff Morry, 31, says, "I feel I knew pieces of a puzzle and I wanted the big picture." Currently part of the two-year Chevrah Mini-School program at the Institute for Jewish Learning, Morry, a dealer of rare art posters, said he went to High Holiday services this year and they had more meaning for him because he has a better understanding of the symbolism behind the prayers and rituals.

Employment counsellor Shoshana Fainsilber's upbringing was on a secular kibbutz. She never went to synagogue. In 1992 she tried out lectures at a Reconstructionist synagogue and has forayed into seminars at other organizations. "I want to learn about the Bible, my heritage, the meanings behind the teachings."

Students seeking ethical foundation

Many of the students interviewed were looking for an ethical foundation to work from and wanted to see what Judaism could offer, either because it made sense to explore their own background or because it seemed an attractive option. Over and over students mentioned that having a moral structure was important to them and that discussions regarding life issues were beneficial. Appleby observes that, "In a multicultural, modern, democratic society, everything becomes relative. People aren't sure what's right or wrong or how to live. Judaism shows a standard."

"I wanted more knowledge about myself, my Jewishness and to meet other people in the community," said 36-year-old copy editor Terry Lander.

"For me the two are tied," said Paul Michaels, a 27-year-old film producer, "wanting to explore what it means to be part of the Jewish community and wanting to explore what it is to be Jewish."

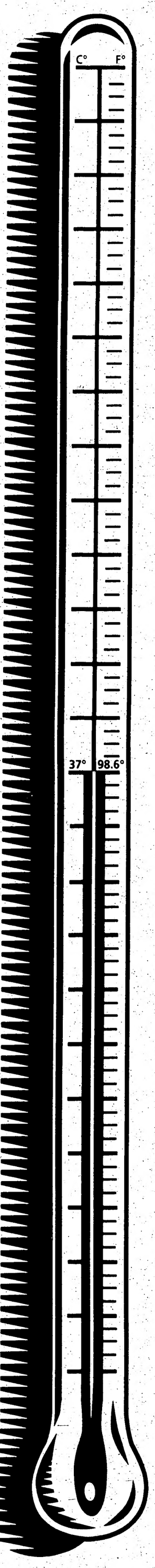
Both have gone to seminars at Shaarei Tzedec. Lander went to Hebrew day school as a kid, but has been away from the community for about 12 years. Michaels had no Jewish training and, in fact, was schooled at a boarding school. Each now wants to connect with people they feel a commonality with, people of their own heritage.

"Identity," "community," along with "meaning," were the three words which seemed to crop up most often during interviews. It seemed almost as if people, who for many years had downplayed who they were, were "coming out" about being Jewish, wanting to identify with others of the same background.

Ronitt Katz, an account manager for Drake International, explained that as she became more knowledgeable about Judaism, she felt more confident about being Jewish. As a youngster she went to an after-school Hebrew program. She looked at adult classes because there were "a lot of things I'd forgotten." Now she wants a solid information base to pass on to her children when she has them.

In adult education classes and seminars you are able to examine the information given to you, and that makes a difference, Morry explained. Discussion groups allow students to synthesize abstract ideas with their concrete experience and this gives the teachings relevance.

People also said that they were drawn to classes because they enjoyed the intellectual exercise and because they wanted relief from everyday material concerns. "Jews have been wrapped up in economic and social advancement. Now they see it's a shaky base to structure an entire life on," says Charendoff.



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This aging factor has led to an increasing awareness of the need for retirement planning and has helped turn the financial services industry into the growth industry of the '90s. The aging population will no doubt put a huge strain on the Canada Pension Plan/Quebec Pension Plan, and with fewer people in the workforce, the Canadian tax base will be smaller. This will further stretch pension programs, not to mention the health care system. With this in mind, the focus of financial institutions is shifting towards retirement savings. With less money to go around, never before has it been more important for Canadians to save and invest wisely. Baby boomers must take charge of their future, or pay the consequences later in life.

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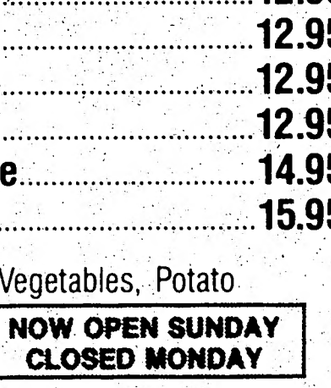

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LifeStyle

A Show of Hands sells unique craft and great gift ideas

People are so anxious to visit A Show of Hands that it looks like someone drove their car through the wall of this Avenue Road store. However, on closer inspection, one sees a signature on the bumper. It says 'Don Evans.' He must be one of the artists displayed here. And that bumper and headlight jutting out of their plaster frame must be one of the crafts for sale.

This unique store carries works of art mostly from Canadian artists. It was opened by Karen Morton and Joyce Spiegel in 1984, who were both previously teachers. Their interest in collecting art made openings a gift gallery a natural step.

"We wanted to learn about being in business and crafts were a very big love of ours," said Morton. The store's name was coined by a Winnipeg artist, Leonard Marcoe, whose work is sold in the store. A Show of Hands resembles a gallery without all its sterility; items are not tucked away under glass.

Every piece is signed by the artist. Clay, glass, leather, wood, paper mache, fibre and jewelry are the media of the store. They make up a dazzling melange from which to choose. The assortment, beginning at around $25, contains glass blown perfume bottles, earrings, bowls, candle stands, and quilts made by Quebec artists. Blue Jays figurines that stand about 3 feet high were a big seller around the World Series. "We're very cost conscious," comments Spiegel, regarding their prices. There is no Judaica in the collection.

Some of the most interesting mirror frames made by Vancouver artist Linda Varro can be found there. She uses an assortment of antiques, including beaded necklaces, brooches, teacups and even teapots, which are all glued together to make the frame.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping is available, and there is a bridal registry. As a lovely gift for the bride-to-be, there are bride's boxes: round painted wooden boxes lined in white cotton and potpourri. They are to be given as keepsakes, a place to keep special mementoes for years to come. All of the artwork makes lovely corporate gifts and discounts are available for corporate buying. There will be a sale in February, and since it is a rare occasion, a trip to the store is certainly worthwhile.

"When they come in here, people are happy. A lot of men like to come in here, they'll buy things for their wives," remarks Spiegel. A Show of Hands is located at 1947 Avenue Rd., at Felbrigg Rd. They are open Monday to Saturday 10-5, and are available for appointments.

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Manufacturing a lot of their own cheese not only keeps the prices down, it ensures the quality of their products. "We make it ourselves so we know exactly what our customers are getting. We also carry some Canadian cheese and import some directly from cheese capitals such as Switzerland, so again low prices and freshness are ensured. By importing directly, we are able to pass all our savings on to our customers."

In addition to the staggering array of cheeses, Grande's Richmond Hill factory outlet also carries a complete line of dairy products, and a delicious in-store bakery with such items as chocolate croissants, bagels, dinner rolls, whole wheat buns and a variety of pies and pastries. The deli section includes such items as mastro genoa salami, mastro prosciutto and prosciutto cotto and the condiment section with such items as sun dried tomatoes, crushed olives in oil, artichokes, black olives, green stuffed olives and crushed mushrooms in oil puts a nice finishing touch to any deli tray. A large selection of imported Italian pastas taste great when prepared with extra virgin olive oil and diced tomatoes or tomato purée.

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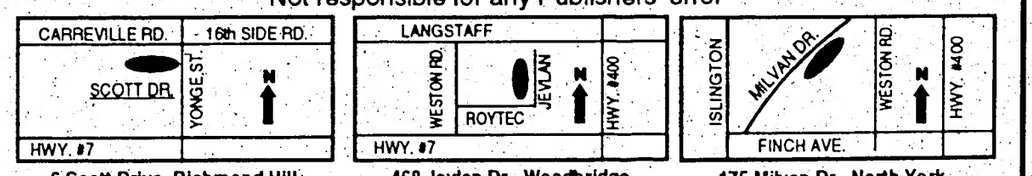

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Travel

TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

I'm back and you better not ask from where, either. All I can say is that I had a wonderful, as usual, time in **Israel** despite a hectic schedule and one week of rain. Thank God the first week was perfect, but even in the rain, **Israel** is still the number one place to be.

Why? Because more than anything, you feel *ALIVE!* Things are *HAPPENING!* Building is booming, people are spending, music is playing, the birds are singing...There's a good feeling in the air and it's contagious.

And the women...Like I've said before, "If God made anything better, He kept it for Himself." They're strong, they're sassy, they're full of life and best of all, they liked the **Butcher Man.** Hard to believe, isn't it?

But let's move on. This *is* a family newspaper. I'll be telling you much more about my trip in future columns, if I still have a job here. Why wouldn't I? Let me tell you what happened.

I walked into my cubbyhole of an office when I returned and I could actually see the top of my desk. Someone had straightened all my papers into neat piles and even arranged my stapler, paper clip container, tape dispenser and coffee mug in a straight line. You really have to worry about people like that. They're the kind of people who probably hang up their clothes or wash the dishes as soon as they've eaten. Scary.

Anyway, it wasn't a good omen. No-one so far has confessed to doing it, which means either a) it was a not-so-subtle hint to clean up my act, or b) someone was using my desk while I was away. As everyone has their own desk, could they have been trying it out for size? Has someone grandiose plans to try and oust the **Butcher Man?** Will the **Butcher Man** react? Stay tuned to this column.

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It's a small world department: I get on the **El Al** plane here in **Toronto** and who do I run into but **Rabbi Joseph Kelman** from **Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue** and his good wife **Ruth.** Now that's not such a big deal, I know, but later that week, I attended a Bible class (No, that's not a misprint, the **Butcher Man** went to a Bible class) with a friend of mine in **Jerusalem** and who should be there but, you guessed it, my fellow passengers. Now I'm sure he was more shocked to see me than I was to see him, but at least he didn't jump up and shout: "This man knows as much about the Bible as I know about the point spread on the Super Bowl!" Thanks, Rabbi, and I must say I knew a lot more coming out of the class then when I went in. And by the way, if any of your congregation asks you about the Super Bowl, tell them the **Cowboys** are picked by 7, but to bet the **Bills.**

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And in staying with the **It's a small world...**I'm walking down **Keren Hayesod Street** in **Jerusalem** when the person I'm with says, "Some man is pointing at you and smiling." That could have been disconcerting, but as I was wearing a bright yellow pullover with a purple design, multi-colored headband, wraparound ski sunglasses, fluorescent lime-green sweatpants and red sneakers, I expected to get the odd look.

As we drew closer to the bus stop where the man was standing and still pointing, I couldn't help but take a look and lo and behold, it was none other than **Yehuda Shen** the former popular director of the **Israel Government Tourist Office** here in **Toronto** who just last fall returned to **Israel** to take over his new position with the **Ministry of Tourism.**

It was a pleasant surprise. As friends, we had arranged to get together during my visit, but to run into him on my first day was an added bonus. He was on his way to pick up his car so we made plans for later that day, which found me comfortably ensconced in his apartment in the **French Hill** district of **Jerusalem.**

Who says life is hard in **Israel?** There I was, sitting in this plush apartment surrounded by the latest in hi-tech equipment (VCR, stereo etc.) enjoying tea and cookies and listening (God forbid that I'd get a chance to say anything) to **Yehuda** bring me up to date on his life, which appears to be pretty good.

He did want to make sure that I said hi to his many friends in **Toronto** and that he missed them. We were able to have dinner together a few days later at a great restaurant called the **Minaret** where we swapped stories and I again got to listen to what I call the **"Shen shtick".** It was a good time and I hope we'll repeat it soon in the **Holy Land.**

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Went to **Sunquest's** annual big bash last week at the **Constellation Hotel** to see what they've got in store for 1993. Some 2,000 travel agents attended the event, but the big news was **Sunquest's** addition of **Israel** to their already impressive list of destinations.

A happy **Ruth Ben-Tsur**, director of the **Israel Government Tourist Office** in **Canada** was on hand with her staff to promote the **Holy Land.** The **IGTO** also played a major role in the **Sunquest** presentation and by what I heard from the travel agents, they were greatly impressed with what **Ruth** and company had to say.

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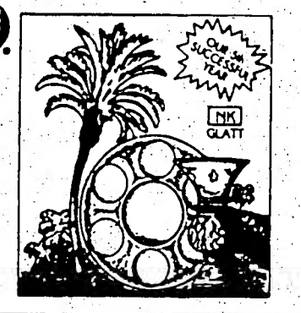

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Business Outlook

Crystal Springs goes kosher

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Crystal Springs, Ontario's largest bottled water company, bottlers of spring, distilled and sparkling water, has received kashruth certification COR 315 from the Kashruth Council of Toronto.

"We believe this step further enables us to serve the whole Ontario marketplace," says Terry Drayton, the president of Crystal Springs. He explains that supervision guarantees that their products are pareve (neutral) and nothing has been added, that all the equipment has been cleansed properly and that the product can be used by kosher caterers and institutions.

"We are a premium brand because we have the best water and we take a lot of care in bringing our water to the customer. Our Jewish customers are health conscious and know that all our products are salt free and the mineral content is balanced to what the body needs," Drayton says.

He says that people are becoming more aware of the benefits of water. It cleanses your system and is effective for weight loss. Doctors recommend that an individual drink eight glasses a day.

"Studies indicate that water is a great stress reduction product — make sure your body has the proper level of hydration because your performance can be affected by the level of liquid in your body," he points out.

Recently, the Aquaterra Corporation purchased Crystal Springs in Ontario and Labrador in Quebec, making it the largest bottled water company in Canada.

Crystal Springs sources its water from underground springs in Caledon Hills north of Toronto. The business includes rentals, sales and distribution of water coolers, 18-litre bottles for the home and office market and a variety of package sizes sold at the retail level.

Recently, sparkling spring water was added to the Crystal Springs product line. The primary reason, says Drayton, is that customers desire to purchase a premium Canadian product instead of an imported one. He adds that most seltzers and soda waters are made of tap water "but Crystal Springs uses its own natural spring water as its base."

Drayton notes that "two of our key markets are New York City and Florida and now we have started exporting and shipping products to Mexico and across the United States."

Beware service station rip-offs

TORONTO —

The Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) warned motorists to beware of service station rip-offs if travelling south this year.

The area of particular concerns is southern Georgia and northern Florida on Interstates 75 and 95 in the southeast United States.

"Two incidents have recetly been reported to us" said Pat Curran of CAA Toronto, "of attempts to bilk travellers through trickery, fraud and intimidation. Over the years, we have heard of numerous cases of slashed fan belts and tires, oil squirted on fuel pumps and shock absorbers that are among some of the methods employed in this type of racket. The most recent trick appears to be squirting coolant on the radiator and suggesting rad replacement or problems with the fan clutch."

In another incident that occurred on Nov. 18, two cars travelling together stopped for gas. Both drivers were told by the attendants pumping gas that the back tire was soft. One was told that the tire was going to separate, the other that it must have picked up a nail and in both cases they should have the cars put up on the hoist for further checking. Fortunately, both drivers refused the offer.

In order to protect yourself against service station rip-offs, CAA Toronto says that the first step is to have your car thoroughly checked over by your own mechanic before starting out on a trip.

When you stop to purchase gas, get out of the car and watch the service man as he checks out anything around the car or under the hood. If you must leave the car, wait until all service has been performed, then move the car away from the pumps.

If a service station attendant should suggest that there is something wrong with the car, you should always insist on verification before spending money on an unnecessary car repair. When buying a replacement part, insist that you keep the defective part for later checking. It is also helpful to pay by means of credit card. Should it later develop that you have been victimized, you have a good record of the dealings.

Fortunately for motorists, the majority of service stations and garages are honest. However, it does pay to be aware of fraudulent practices and watchful when having your car serviced.

Bank reports increased profits

TEL AVIV —

Bank Hapoalim recently reported financial results for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30.

Net profit for the first nine months of 1992 was up 11.1 percent and amounted to $68 million, compared with net profit of $61 million in the first nine months of 1991.

Net return on equity, in annual terms, reached 6.4 percent during the nine-month period. Shareholders' equity rose by 4.8 percent, and amounted to $1,491 million, compared with Dec. 31, 1991.

The nine-month period was characterized by a decrease in income from financing activities, due to an erosion of financial margins, compared with the same period a year ago. Profit from financing activities, before taxes and provision for doubtful debts, amounted to $605 million, a decrease of 3.7 percent over the corresponding period a year ago.

There was, however, a 28.8 percent rise in operating income. This amounted to $387 million, compared with $300 million during the same period in the prior year. The increase represented intensified activity on the part of clients, especially in the Israel capital market. Operating profit after taxes, reached $65 million, up 28.9 percent over the same period last year.

Provision for doubtful debts during January-September 1992 amounted to $278 million, a 31.4 percent rise over $212 million during the first nine months of 1991. The increase was mainly a result of provisions made in the agricultural sector.

Expanded capital market activity marked the first nine months of the year. Assets of mutual funds managed by the bank grew by 75.6 percent, and amounted to $2.9 billion at Sept. 30, 1992. Assets of the bank's provident funds also rose by 9.6 percent during the nine-month period, and reached $10 billion.

Deposits by the public amounted to $21.4 billion at Sept. 30, 1992, down 1.5 per cent from the end of 1991. Credit in the amount of $17.7 billion was extended to the public during the nine months, up 1.1 percent compared to the end of 1991.

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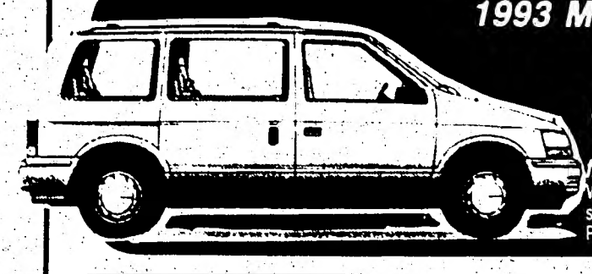
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Mel Fages new head of WJCC

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WINNIPEG —

Mel Fages, the new president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC), is a relative newcomer to the board. The Saskatchewan-born chartered accountant was encouraged to join just three years ago, although he was active in a number of other communal organizations including the Rosh Pina Synagogue and the local chapter of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

When approached a year ago about becoming the future president, he says he "thought long and hard about it" and spoke with his predecessor, Sid Halpern, and his eventual successor, senior vice-president Donald Aaronovitch as well as WJCC Executive Director Bob Freedman before accepting.

Fages officially took office on Dec. 16 for a one-year term. He describes Halpern, a businessman who had served for three years, as "a wonderful example to follow" and a man who gave of himself "over and above the call of duty."

During his term, Fages will be emphasizing fundraising and planning and priorities. He favors the new year round CJA campaign as a way to raise community awareness of what the Combined Jewish Appeal does and perhaps persuade people to give a little more.

Business troubles

"The old ways of giving may not apply any more," he says. "There are more people giving but some of the big givers are having business troubles or have retired or died or moved away. We have to show a new generation how the CJA and the community benefits them and their children and slowly build up their gifts. Maybe we will look at endowment funds — although we don't intend to compete with the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba."

He reports that Mel Lazaruk, co-chair of the most recent CJA campaign, is the new WJCC vice-president fundraising.

The other side of the coin is priorizing services. Fages is an enthusiastic supporter of the community's campus project (a proposed combination K-12 school and Jewish Community Centre in south Winnipeg) which, he says, has forced the WJCC to start taking a hard look at programs and beneficiary agencies.

"Lorraine Bentley, our planning officer, has done a marvelous job in creating a matrix matching demography and services provided in the community," Fages says. "Some people may be upset when their pet projects disappear but we have to determine which institutions and services are relevant to the next generation."

Fages also considers it critical to build on the growing number of young Jewish leadership groups in Winnipeg and to get younger adults involved in real decision-making roles on community boards even if that should mean restructuring the way the current elected community council is chosen.

"There are hard decisions to come but they have to be made for the betterment of the community as a whole," he concludes.

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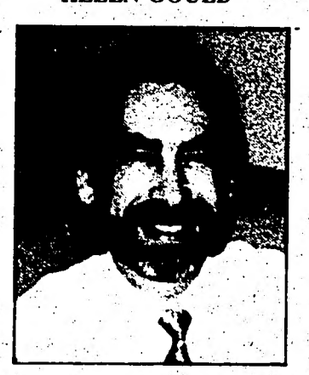

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Shaare Zedek gives the stork a hand

JERUSALEM —

Almost 50 percent of Jerusalem babies begin their lives at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre. Over the years, its medical staff and midwives have become used to both routine and unusual births, and are prepared for anything. They have even experienced some of the unusual anecdotes collected by Ruthy Stern, a nurse taking a course in folklore at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

One such anecdote concerned a rabbi's prescription to the woman whose unborn baby was in the dangerous breech position. She was told to drink water from a certain spring — but from her husband's mouth, esthetically unappealing! After a subsequent examination showed the fetus had turned to an even more perilous position (feet first), she admitted to the rabbi that she had drunk the spring water out of a cup instead of her husband's mouth. After she drank as prescribed, her baby was born head first, with no complications.

A red string (any red string) held while circling Rachel's tomb in Bethlehem was a popular good-luck charm relied upon to relieve a protracted labor. "You see many girls and women on the bus or street with red strings around their wrists because it has other influences as well," says Rachel Shilkofsky, director of delivery-room staff at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre.

Another folklore for woman in labor is putting a book of commentaries on the weekly portion of the Torah under her pillows. One midwife, herself in her ninth month, was encouraged to drink some holy water blessed by a famous rabbi; she reported an easy birth two weeks later. Some women bring remnants of the afikomen (matzah) or the stem of the Succot etrog to the hospital for good luck; others bring a key to a certain gravelyard in Russia, passed from one prospective mother to another. One midwife was amazed to find a bright red apple resting on the stomach of a soon-to-be-mother!

Good-luck charms and amulets, guarded by certain families, are lent out as needed for uncomplicated births. Special stones, oil, and mother's milk have also been used to help a protracted labor, while a rather new custom in some circles is having the prospective mother swallow a small pearl.

Some believe a woman giving birth has certain powers. She is therefore asked by those with special needs or requests to pray for them during the process of giving birth, much as a bride recites prayers for others just prior to the wedding ceremony. Afterbirth is thought to help cure barrenness, so midwives are asked to pass it along. Midwives believe in being flexible. To help a woman in labor, they will cheerfully: put a hand on her protruding belly and recite a verse from the Psalms seven times; allow the walking stick of a famous rabbi to be placed under her pillow; and change an amulet hanging around her neck from one that provents miscarriage to one that promises a speedy delivery.

"Anything which helps the prospective mother relax and gives her confidence is acceptable, as long as it doesn't interfere with the medical standards of the delivery room," says Barbara Rakover, a Shaare Zedek midwife with more than 30 years of experience. So, when one woman being wheeled to the operating room for a caesarian section insisted on having a certain batch of cookies with her for good luck, a midwife simply wrapped them in a sterile sheet and sent them along!

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Nearly 70 percent of mothers who had spent an hour with their newborns after birth were able to choose their own child out of three sleeping babies, even when blindfolded and allowed to stroke only the backs of the infants' hands for five-10 seconds. This was the result of a study co-authored by Dr. Marsha Kaitz of Hebrew University and Professor Arthur Eidelman, director of Shaare Zedek's Department of Neonatology. The first experiment included 46 women, tested five-79 hours after they gave birth in Shaare Zedek's maternity department.

Most mothers in the study said they used the texture or temperature of the infant's hand; they had apparently learned identifying features of their babies' skin during routine contact, because they were not allowed to prepare for the experiment. Two experiments yielded a combined percentage of 69 percent correct choices — far better than the 33 percent one would expect by random guessing. The next experiment will test the fathers for recognition by touch. Shaare Zedek's Neonatology Department is a natural laboratory for such research.

BBYO OPEN HOUSE

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) in conjunction with Maccabi Youth and the Israel Youth Centre and its affiliates: Habonim Dror, Canadian Young Judaea, and Hashomer Hatzair recently held an open house at the Jewish Community Centre. Among those present was (from left) Natalie Baker, Joel Marans and Jessica Labi of BBYO. At the open house members set up booths to show the community the range of Jewish youth activities which operate out of the JCC.

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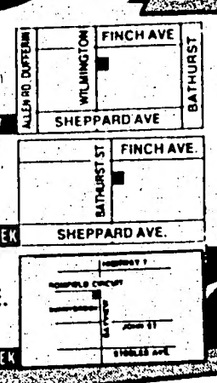

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